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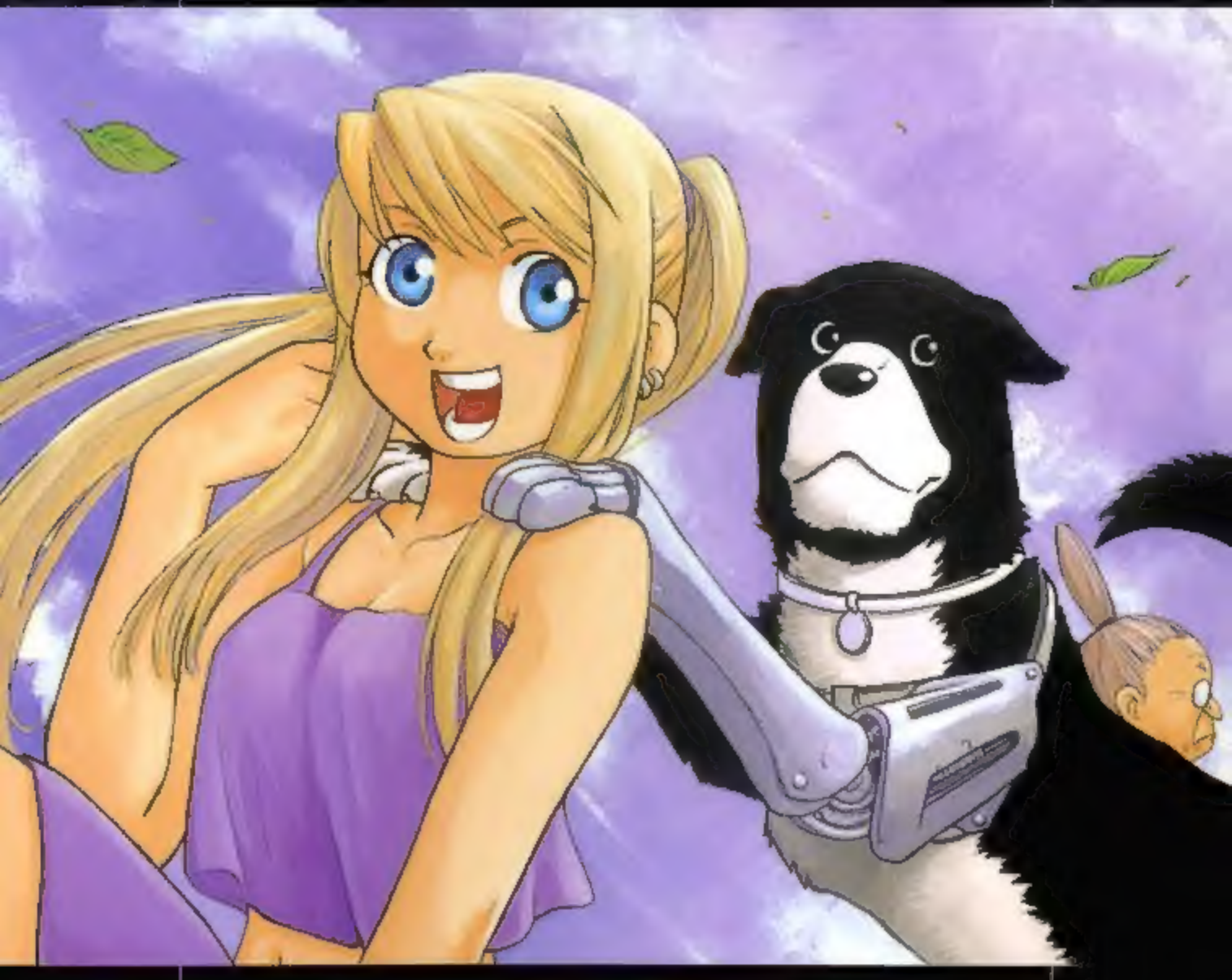

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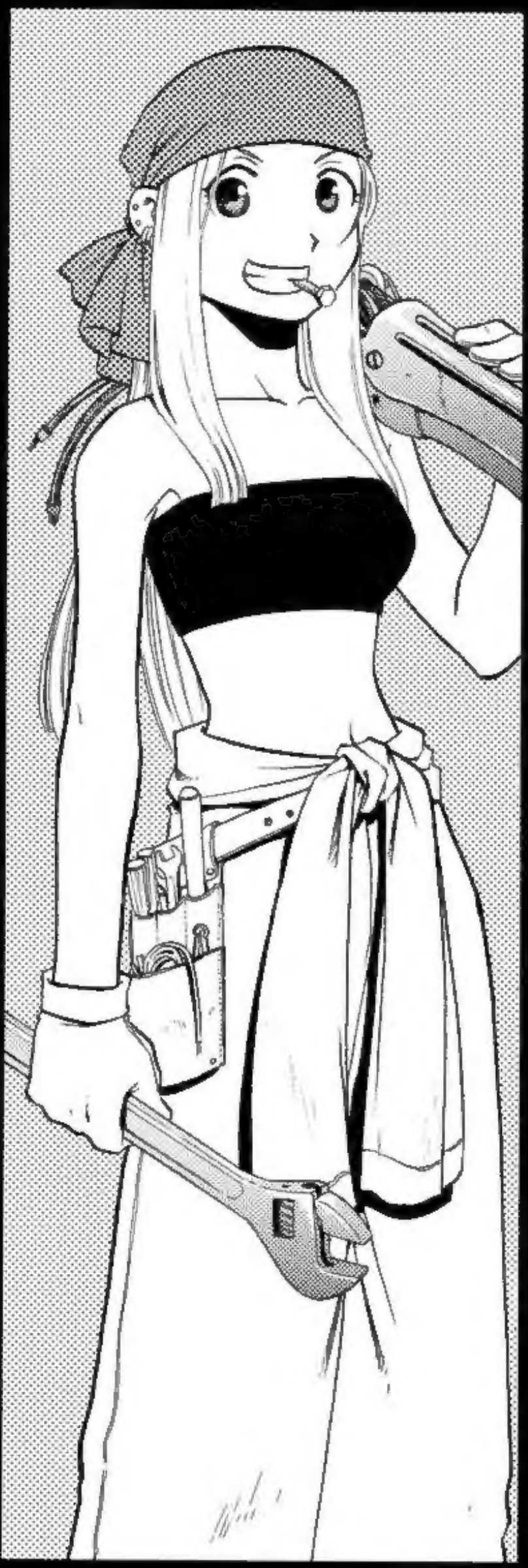

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CHARACTERS
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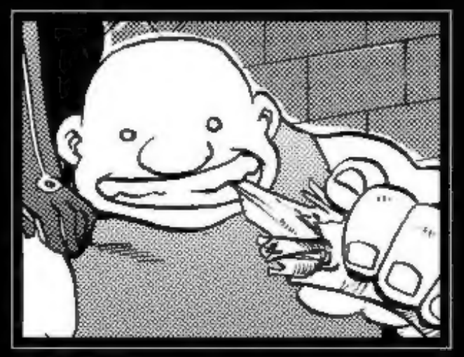
□ ウィンリィ・ロックベル

Winry Rockbell

□ 傷の男(スカー)

Scar

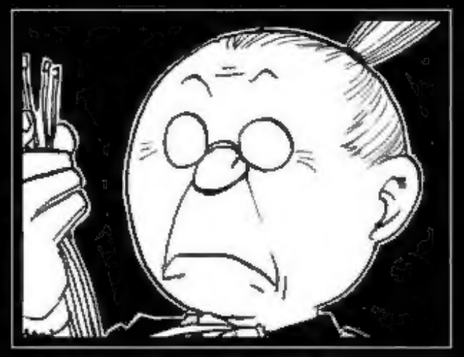


□ グラトニー

Gluttony

□ ラスト

Lust



□ ピナコ・ロックベル

Pinako Rockbell

□ エンヴィー

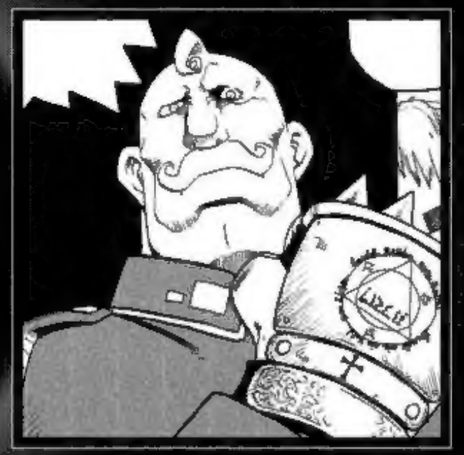
Envy

□ アルフォンス・エルリック

Alphonse Elric

□ エドワード・エルリック

Edward Elric



□ アレックス・ルイ・アームストロング

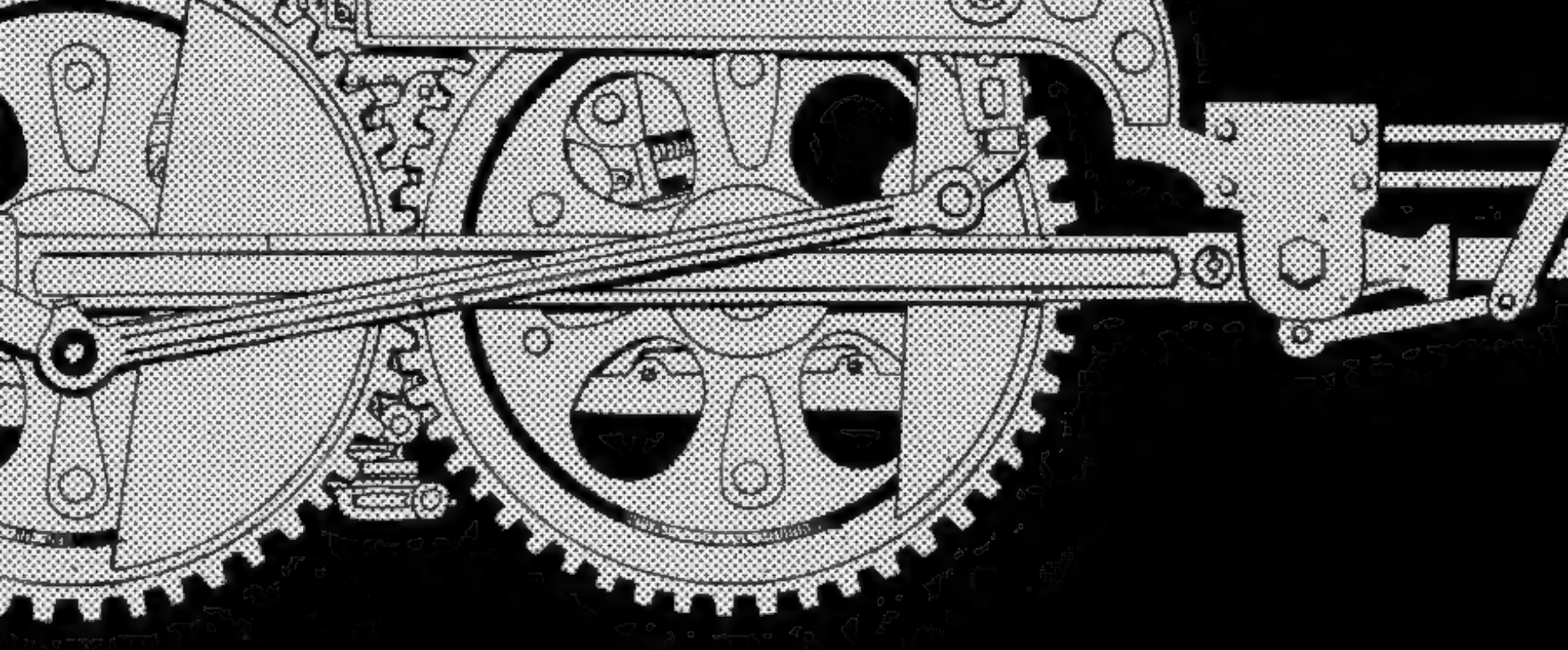
Alex Louis Armstrong

□ ロイ・マスタング

Roy Mustang

Using a forbidden alchemical ritual, the Elric brothers attempted to bring their dead mother back to life. But the ritual went wrong, consuming Edward Elric's leg and Alphonse Elric's entire body. At the cost of his arm, Edward was able to graft his brother's soul into a suit of armor. Equipped with mechanical "auto-mail" to replace his missing limbs, Edward becomes a state alchemist, serving the military on deadly missions. Now, the two brothers roam the world in search of a way to regain what they have lost…

In search of the Philosopher's Stone, the Elric brothers break into a top-secret government laboratory, only to meet the mysterious Lust and Envy, who blow up the lab to hide the evidence. Uncertain of the extent of the Philosopher's Stone conspiracy, Edward and Elric decide to return to their old alchemy teacher for advice, taking their mechanic Winry along for the ride…



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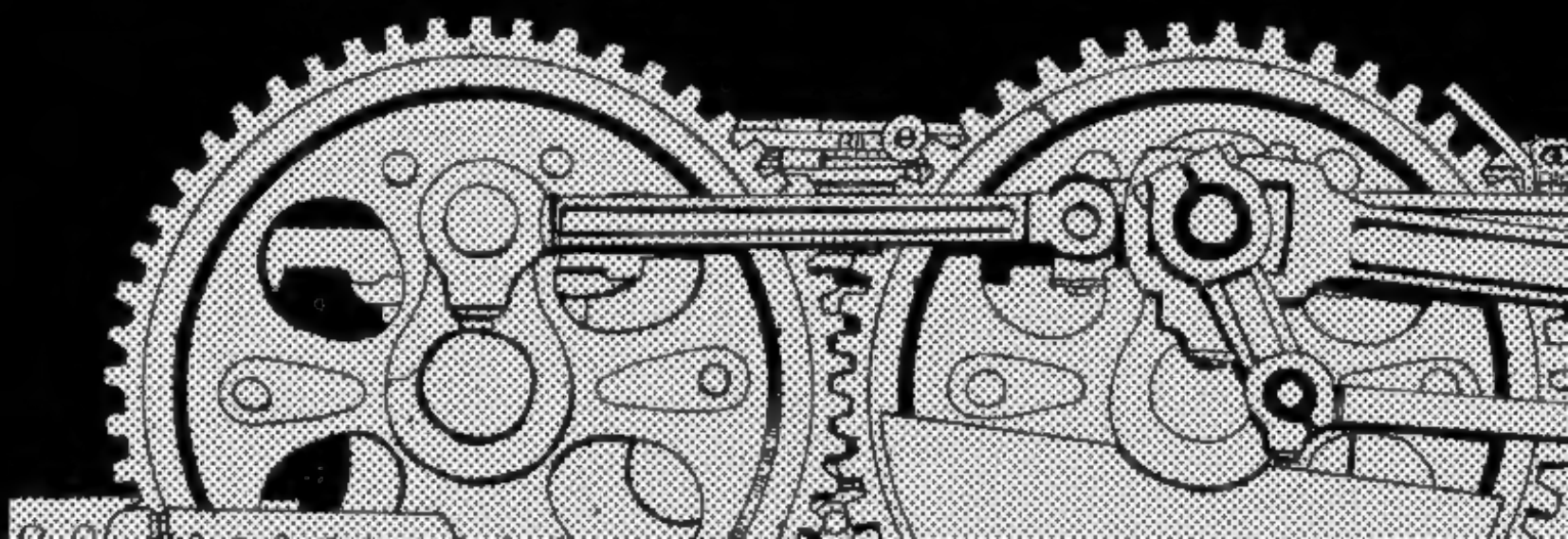

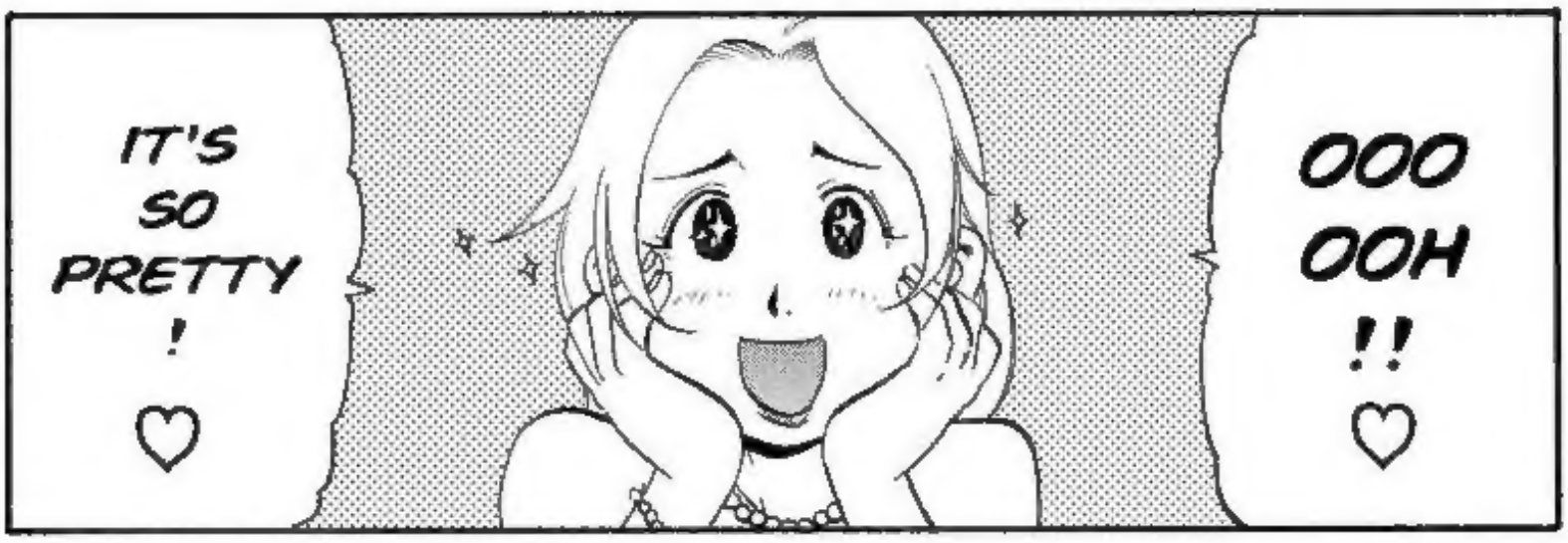
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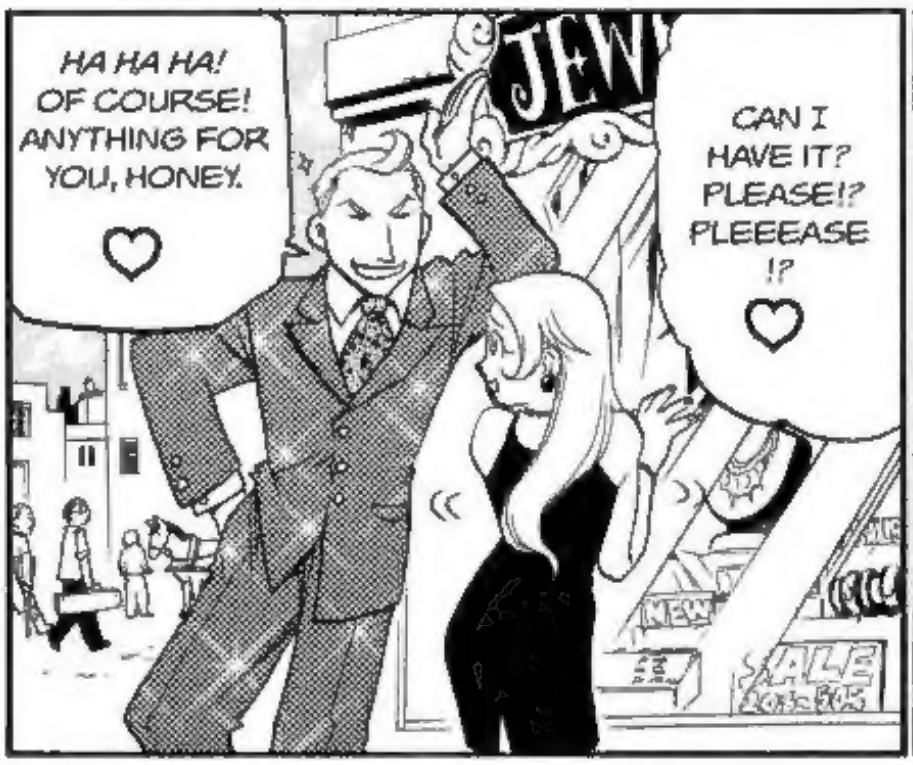
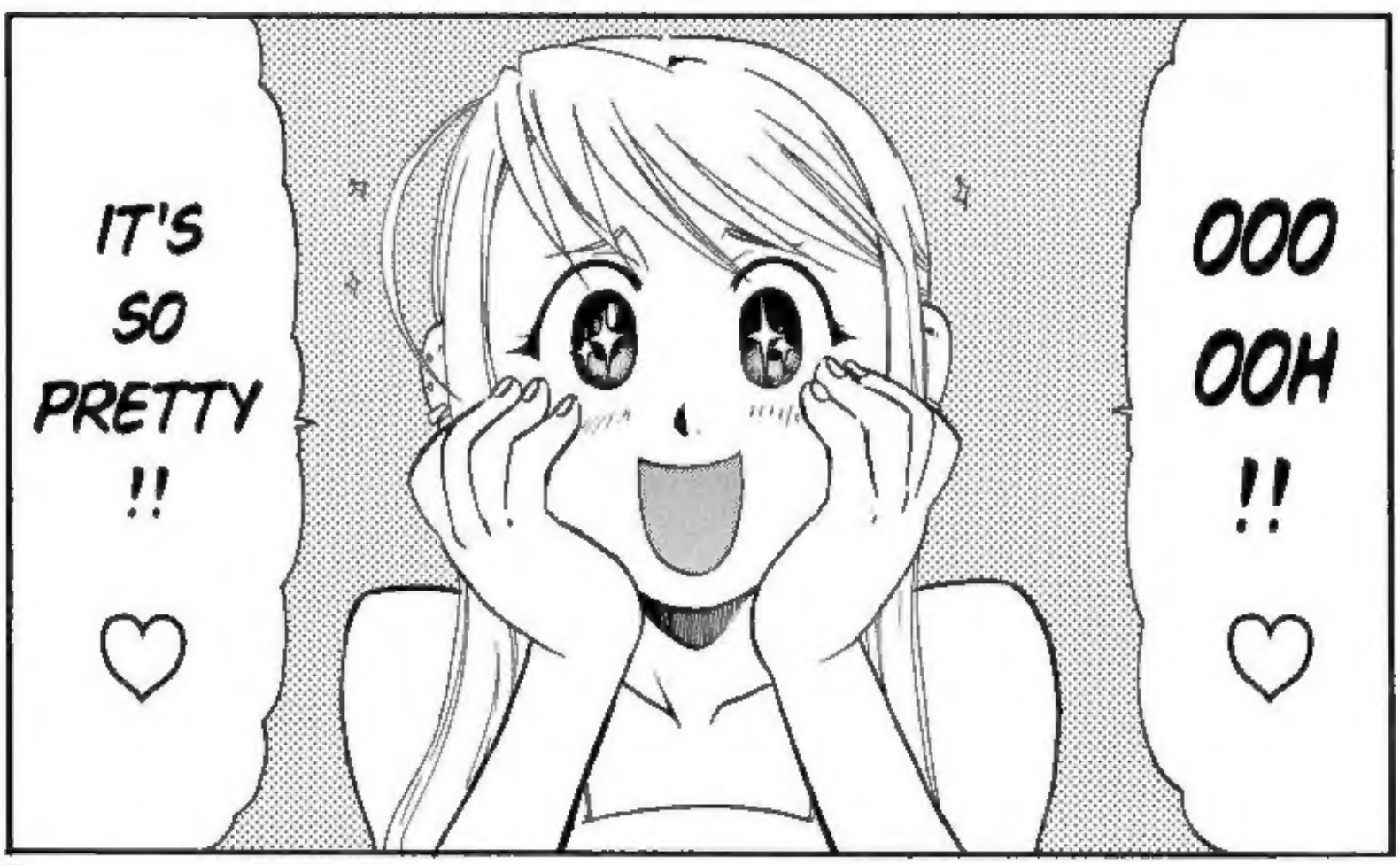

HA HA HA! OF COURSE! ANYTHING FOR YOU, HONEY. ♡
CAN I HAVE IT? PLEASE!? PLEEEASE !? ♡
JEW
NEW
SALE

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT I'D FIND SUCH A TREASURE IN A TOWN LIKE THIS? ♡
THAT'S THE NEW DESIGN FROM REMIS STUDIO!
SALE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Chapter 17: The Boomtown of the Broken Down

AFTER THE ISHBALAN CIVIL WAR, THE PROSTHETICS INDUSTRY HERE EXPLODED. IT'S NO WONDER THIS PLACE IS KNOWN AS "THE BOOMTOWN OF THE BROKEN DOWN."

RUSH VALLEY !!

THAT AUTO-MAIL!! CAN IT BE!?

I NEVER THOUGHT THERE'D COME THE DAY WHEN I'D SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES!!

IT'S THE 11TH GENERATION MODEL FROM GODS STUDIO !!

I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS MUCH AUTO-MAIL IN ONE PLACE.

I CAN SEE WHY.

AUTO MAIL

HEY! A FULL BODY PROSTHETIC.

AWAZ WS

IT'S ALSO CALLED "THE AUTO-MAIL ENGINEER'S MECCA."

JUNK

PARK
MAIN STREET
STATION
POST OFFICE
HOTEL

UH... NOTH... ING...

ARRIVE

...WHAT ?

SPECIAL ORDERS

AS MUCH AS I LOVE AUTO-MAIL, I PRAY FOR THE DAY WHEN THIS BUSINESS WON'T BE SO PROSPEROUS.

example

AS LONG AS BATTLES KEEP FLARING UP AROUND THIS COUNTRY, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A DEMAND FOR THE GOODS AND SERVICES THIS CITY OFFERS.

NO ONE CAN BEAT HIM !!

YEEAAAAAH!

AMAZING! 51 CON-SECUTIVE WINS!!

WOOO HOOO!

KRAK

ATTENTION ALL YOU AUTO-MAIL USERS! ARE YOU LOOKIN' TO WIN SOME *SERIOUS CASH!?*

SNORT

IT'S A *MERE* 10,000 SENS TO ENTER, AND IF YOU CAN BEAT OUR REIGNING CHAMP, YOU'LL WALK AWAY WITH THIS *MOUNTAIN* OF *MONEY!!*

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME *MACHINE ARM WRESTLING !!?*

GREAT! LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT US A REAL FIGHTER HERE.

...AND I'VE BEEN DYING TO TEST IT OUT.

HEH HEH HEH, I JUST GOT THIS BRAND-NEW MODEL ARM TODAY...

ALL RIGHT! LET ME AT 'IM!

CONTEST-ANTS, ARE YOU READY?!

DID YOU SAY IT WAS BRAND-NEW?

FIGHT!!

KA

THNK

MY BAD.

HERE. LEMME PUT THIS WHERE IT BELONGS— WITH THE REST OF THE SCRAP.

BROKEN ARM, HUH!?
NEED A FIX?
YEAA AA AH!!
NOOOO !!

MONTHLY INSTALL-MENTS ARE OKAY, TOO!!
HELP MEEEE! STILL HAVE PAYMENTS TO MAKE ON THIS ONE!
AT LEAST LET ME GIVE YOU AN ESTI-MATE !!
IF YOU CAN'T PAY OUT OF POCKET, YOU CAN WORK IT OFF!!
THEY'RE LIKE HYENAS...
YA HA HA
HA

I'LL GIVE YOU A GREAT DEAL, MISTER !
IF YOU NEED A NEW ARM, COME TO OUR SHOP!!
NO, LET ME DO IT!!
SWARM

WELL THEN, HOW ABOUT THIS YOUNG MAN WITH THE AUTO-MAIL ARM...?

D'OH! MY BAD!
WHAT AM I THINKING? A LITTLE SPROUT LIKE YOU WOULDN'T OFFER ANY COMPETI-TION!!

SO, WHO'S NEXT... ?
AH! YOU SIR! YOU LOOK LIKE A STRAPPING FELLOW! WHAT DO YOU SAY? CARE TO GIVE IT A SHOT!?
ME!? NO, NO!
I DON'T WANT TO !!

SLAM

BWA HA HA HA!

ARE THERE ANY GROWN-UPS WHO WANT TO TRY?

WHAAA?!

WHAT A LAUGH !!

...OH!? HALF-PINT HERE IS REALLY SERIOUS!

WA HA HA

THAT KID'S GONNA GET HIS ENTIRE SHOULDER TAKEN OFF! I CAN'T WAIT.

ENGINEERS ON STAND-BY

Ya !!

WHAT A JOKE. THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE IN REACH AND POWER.

READY!?

FIGHT!

AH!

YEAH! DO IT! FIGHT!

DON'T DO THIS, ED! YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE!!

KABAM

THE SCRAP COLLECTOR'S GONNA BE REAL BUSY TODAY.

RIP...

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

...HUH

NOOOO!!
AGGHH!
NOTHING LIKE JUST DESERTS.
HA HA HA!
WE'LL MATCH ANY PRICE!
NO! WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!
COME TO OUR SHOP! BEST PRICES IN TOWN!!
WE CAN FIX THAT, YOU KNOW!
RAAA!
BROKEN ARM!?
AH?
YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE!!
CLAP
HE USED ALCHEMY TO CHANGE HIS OPPONENT'S ARM INTO A WEAKER SUBSTANCE.
HOW'D HE DO THAT?
HEY! I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT STYLE OF AUTO-MAIL AROUND HERE.
HE'S EVIL...
WA HA HA HA! I DON'T HEAR A WORD YOU'RE SAYING!!
THAT'S CHEATING!

WOW! SO YOU'RE THE DESIGNER? YOU DO GOOD WORK, MISS.

IT WAS ME! I MADE IT.

HUH ?

WOAH, YOU'RE RIGHT LOOK AT THE INTRICACY OF THE METALWORK!

HEY

WHAT'S THIS? YOUR LEFT LEG IS AUTO-MAIL, TOO?

INTRIGUING! SO YOU PUT THE CYLINDER OVER HERE..

HOLD ON.

HEY.

UH.

OHO! I KNEW IT WAS A MODEL I WASN'T FAMILIAR WITH.

YOU'RE FROM THE EAST AREA?

CHATTER. CHATTER CHATTER.

WHAT THE--!? HEY!

I CAN'T GET A GOOD LOOK. JUST TAKE OFF YOUR PANTS, KID.

SHOW ME YOUR LEG!

LET ME SEE! LET ME SEE!

THIS TOWN REALLY IS A MECCA FOR AUTO-MAIL ENGINEERS !

HOW FUNNY YOU SHOULD MENTION IT, BROTHER DEAR, SEEING AS YOU NEVER WEAR ANYTHING BUT A LOINCLOTH!!

AH HA HA! LOOK AT YOU, BIG BROTHER! I BET THERE AREN'T MANY STATE ALCHEMISTS WHO STRUT AROUND MAIN STREET IN THEIR UNDERWEAR!

THAT'S NO EXCUSE TO STRIP ME TO MY UNDERWEAR IN PUBLIC!!!

EVERYBODY HERE IS SO DEVOTED TO THEIR RESEARCH!

YUP YUP

HA HA HA LOOK, HONEY, HE'S IN HIS SKIVVIES!

OH MY!

THE THING THAT *PROVES* I'M A STATE ALCHEMIST...

...MY SILVER WATCH... IS GONE !!

SHEESH.

IT'S NOT A LOINCLOTH...!

HM?

WHAT'S WRONG ?

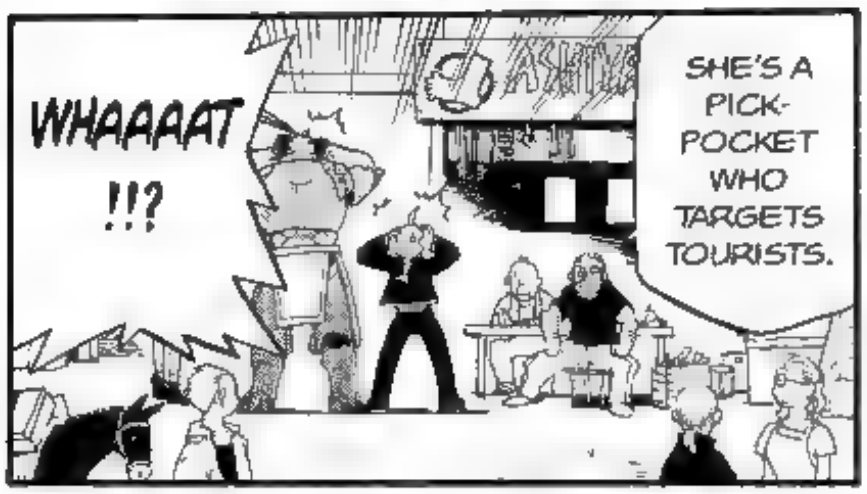
HUH?

WHERE?

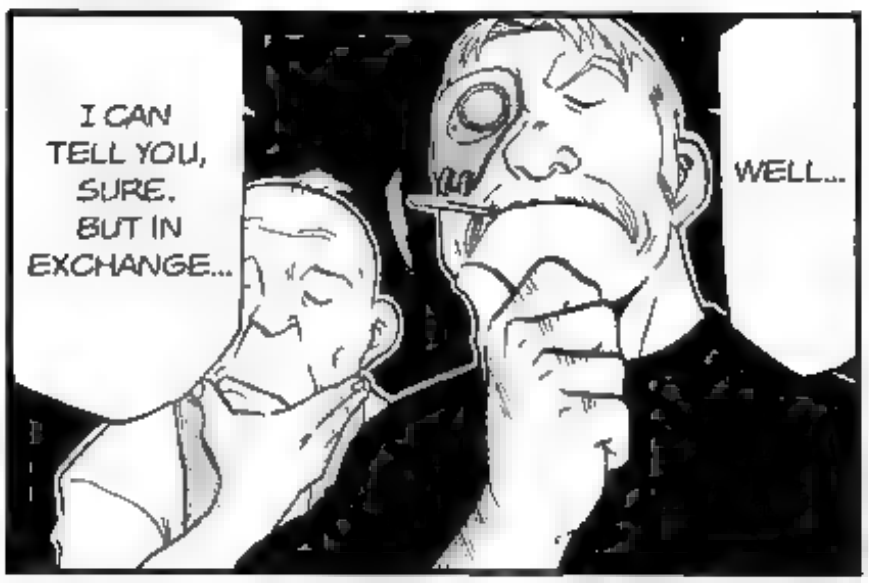
WHAT?

IT'S *GONE*...

SOUNDS LIKE THE WORK OF PANINYA.
SOME-ONE MUST HAVE TAKEN IT.


WHAAAAT !!?
SHE'S A PICK-POCKET WHO TARGETS TOURISTS.

TELL ME, PLEASE! THAT WATCH IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME!
DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE CAN FIND HER?!


I CAN TELL YOU, SURE. BUT IN EXCHANGE...
WELL...

WHAAAAT!!?

SHE'S IN THE WEST ALLEY !

JUST A LITTLE LOOKY LOO! ♡

LET ME TAKE A PEEK UNDER YOUR HOOD.

SHE SELLS HER SPOILS TO THE GLOTZ PAWN SHOP !!

Glotz

ISN'T IT? TAKE IT OFF MY HANDS FOR A GOOD PRICE.

HMM... THIS IS SILVER.. IT'S AN AMAZINGLY WELL-CRAFTED WATCH.

KANTEI

HEY, POPS !

WHAT HAVE WE HERE? ANOTHER PRICELESS ITEM LIBERATED FROM THE UNDESERVING, I SEE?

I FEEL LIKE I'VE HEARD THIS NAME BEFORE...

IT HAS THE MILITARY'S CREST ..WITH A SIX-SIDED STAR? I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT THIS VERSION OF THE CREST MEANS...

HRM..

THERE'S A NAME ENGRAVED ON IT.

"EDWARD ELRIC" ?

THE LID WON'T OPEN.

TUG TUG

HUH? YOU'RE RIGHT.

I'LL TRY WINDING IT.

DON'T WIND IT !!

THE GEARS INSIDE AREN'T MOVING, EITHER.

SILENCE

MAYBE IT'S A FAKE.

KANTEL

...DON'T OPEN THE LID, EITHER !!

HEY.

UH OH.

STOMP

STOMP

YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD GET AWAY WITH STEALING FROM ME, MAN...I MEAN GIRL!?

STOMP

DA-DM!

NO!! THAT VASE IS WORTH 800 THOUSAND SENS!!

HERE, YOU GO, BUDDY. CATCH!!

FWIP

CLASP

WHAT THE-!?

HEY... WAIT! STOP!!

SEE YA--!

NICE CATCH!

WSH

HE'S THE YOUNGEST STATE ALCHEMIST...

NOW I KNOW HIM.

OH YEAH.

C'MON, AL! WE'RE GOING AFTER HER!!

TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP

YOU !

HERE

GET BACK

YOU'RE SO PERSIST-ENT..

ZOOOOOM

STOP !!!

YOU DON'T ACTUALLY THINK YOU CAN CATCH ME IN MY OWN BACKYARD, DO YOU?

HEH HEH HEH..

ARGH !!

BOOSH

FSSSH

!!

HUP...

SWIPE

WHOA !

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!

WATCH THIS !

LEAP

WE'VE GOT HER TRAP-PED !!

YESSS!

GOOD GOING, AL!

WHAT ?! A DEAD END !?!

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP

I'M ON IT!

TAK

TAK

C'MON, ED!

SLAM

IS SHE AN ACROBAT IZ

GAAH !!

YOU THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY FROM US THAT EASILY?

GRR...

GRIN—♪

Flavia

WOOF WOOF
WOOF WOOF

NOOOOO!

GRR?

STARE

BE A GOOD DOGGIE AND LET MY BIG BROTHER GO.

'KAY?

GRRR!

RUFF! RUFF!

WOOF!

AAAAH!

BRO?

'KAY?

GLARE

GRRRR!!

RISE

HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH.

HEH...

BIG BROTHER, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

YELP!

SHIVER SHIVER

KICK HER BUTT...? I MEAN, IF IT WAS A *GUY* THAT WOULD BE ONE THING, BUT... YOU'RE GONNA BEAT UP A *GIRL!?*

I'M GONNA KICK HER BUTT !!

HOW COME WHEN HE SAYS IT, IT SOUNDS LIKE A *THREAT?*

I'M NOT SEXIST !

ZING!!

HUH !?

IT STILL WON'T OPEN.

HMMM

TUG TUG

I TOLD YOU NOT TO OPEN IT.

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST *BREAK* IT OPEN...

WHY? YOU GOT A PICTURE IN THERE YOU DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO SEE?

POP

GIVE IT BACK.

THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS.

DOOSH

I'M AN ALCHE-MIST !

ZZT

JUST WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU?

NICE TRICK.

WO MP

CLAP

YOU WON'T GET AWAY !!

AH HA HA! I'VE NEVER PLAYED TAG WITH AN ALCHEMIST BEFORE!

HA, NOW I'VE GOT-

TO

BAM

STOP

--YOU
IT

SWIPE

TA

TAK

TMP

WHO'S GOT WHO? TEE HEE!

RAGE !!!!

PLOMP

SO CAN ED...

THAT GIRL CAN REALLY MOVE.

WOW.

SHE SURE IS COORD-INATED.

OF COURSE. IF ANYONE CAN DO IT, ED CAN.

KABOOM

BA-BAM

I WONDER IF HE'LL BE ABLE TO GET ALL THE WAY OVER HERE?

THOOM THOOM

THOOM

AH HA HA HA HA!

COOL, COOL! KEEP 'EM COMING!

THOOM

ARRRRRGH!!

AH HA HA HA HA!

I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE SO ***STUBBORN*** BEFORE.

SHUT... UP...

.. YOU... !!

HUFF

GET BACK HERE !

STAY STILL.. SO I CAN CRUSH YOU.

HUFF

WHY...

YOU LITTLE...

DON'T PUSH YOURSELF, KIDDO. YOU'RE STARTING TO LOSE YOUR BREATH!

BASHOOM

NOTHING'S HAPPENING?

...!!

THERE'S MORE TO ALCHEMY THEN JUST MAKING THINGS POP OUT OF NOWHERE.

WHAT'S THE MATTER? RUN OUT OF IDEAS? TOO TIRED?

GRMBZ

FOR EX-AMPLE...

...I CAN TURN THE GROUND BENEATH YOUR FEET INTO A MORE FRAGILE SUBSTANCE!

CRACK

D-D-D-D

WHAM

CLAP

THAT WAS CLOSE...

MY SHOP !!

CLANG

WHOA

I'VE GOT YOU !!

FWUMP

I'M JUST A POOR *SHOP-KEEP!* WHAT'D I DO TO YOU!?

YAAA AAH!!!

...HM ?

HUP HUP...

GWM M

MMM

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

!?

FLA ASH

BASHOW

DO OM!

SHM

WHOA !

SHM SHM SHM

BSHNK

PHEW.

WELL DONE!

HMM...

TONK TONK

BIG BROTHER, YOU'RE TALKING JUST LIKE A *BAD GUY!*

NOW YOU WILL PAY, WOMAN!

HEH HEH HEH.

SNK

SNK

HUH?

TAKE A STEP BACK IF YOU DON'T WANNA GET HURT.

SWIP

...!!

CLANK

CLANK

THIS IS RUSH VALLEY, REMEMBER?

SNK

WHAT'RE YOU STARING AT?

BOOM

FWAM

BY THE WAY, MY OTHER LEG HAS A 1.5 INCH CARBINE IN IT.

NO WAY...

BOTH OF HER LEGS ARE AUTO-MAIL AND SHE'S THAT COORDINATED...?

HEE HEE! CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!!

HEY... STOP !!

HUP HUP HUP !

DASH

GR

AB

I'M NOT LETTING YOU GET AWAY.

GRIP

OF COURSE I WON'T LET GO OF HER...

HEH HEH HEH

DON'T LET GO OF THAT LITTLE THIEF!!

GOOD JOB, WINRY !!

OH NO!

ER..

...GET A GOOD LOOK AT THAT AUTO-MAIL UP CLOSE!

NOT UNTIL YOU LET ME...

...HUH ?

...

WHY THE HECK AM I FOLLOWING YOU INTO THESE GOD-FORSAKEN MOUNTAINS, ANYWAY!?

GLARE

COME ON, SLOWPOKES. HURRY UP OR I'LL LEAVE YOU BEHIND.

LEAVE US BEHIND...?

...WHY...?

WHEEZE HUFF. PANT

Chapter 18:
The Value of Sincerity

I'VE NEVER SEEN AUTO-MAIL LIKE THAT BEFORE !!

WOW! IT'S AMAZING! JUST AMAZING !

RUSH

THE SUSPENSION SYSTEM IS THE MOST ADVANCED I'VE EVER SEEN, BUT IT'S THE OVERALL BALANCE THAT I FIND MOST REMARKABLE.

SURE IS, ED.

NICE WEATHER WE'RE HAVING, HUH, AL?

IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE WEAPON, THE OUTER FRAME HAS BEEN SLIMMED DOWN YET IT STILL MAINTAINS HIGH MOBILITY AND IS DURABLE ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND EXTREME SHOCK AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S MADE ENTIRELY OF STEEL BUT IT'S REALLY LIGHT SO THERE MUST BE SOME SECRET TO HOW THE METAL WAS TEMPERED, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

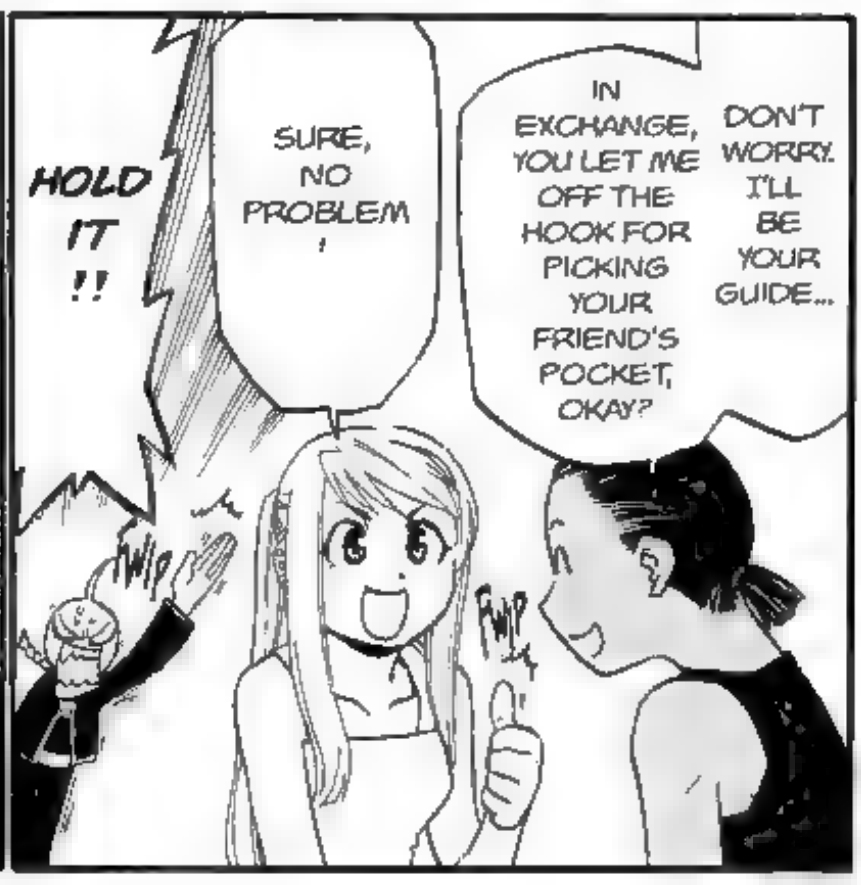
BLAH

HUH? OKAY...

HEY, PANINYA! YOU HAVE TO TELL ME WHO ENGINEERED YOUR AUTO-MAIL!

WHAAAT ?
HE LIVES WAY OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE SO YOU'LL NEED A GUIDE.

IT WAS JUST A LITTLE HARMLESS PICK POCKETING! YOU SURE HAVE A SMALL HEART.
WE'RE TURNING HER OVER TO THE MILITARY POLICE!
THAT'S NOT YOUR DECISION, WINRY!!
DON'T SAY SMALL !


HOLD IT !!
SURE, NO PROBLEM !
IN EXCHANGE, YOU LET ME OFF THE HOOK FOR PICKING YOUR FRIEND'S POCKET, OKAY?
DON'T WORRY. I'LL BE YOUR GUIDE...
FWIP
FWIP

HE AND HIS BROTHER TRAUMATIZED MY LITTLE JULIE!
AND MY CHIMNEY !
HE MESSED UP MY ROOFTOP, TOO.

AREN'T YOU THE GUY WHO RUINED MY SHOP, BUDDY?
THAT WOMAN'S A MENACE TO THIS TOWN!

I'M STILL GONNA TURN HER OVER TO THE MPS! AND I'M GONNA GET MY WATCH BACK!

THAT CHANGES NOTHING

REPAIRING THE DAMAGE

HURRY UP AND FIX IT, YOU LITTLE BRAT

I AM FIXING IT!

WOW WOW WOW!!

SHUT UP!!

IT'S NO USE, BIG BROTHER. WHEN WINRY GETS LIKE THIS, THERE'S NO STOPPING HER.

LISTEN TO ME!!

THEN I GUESS I SHOULD LEAVE OUR LUGGAGE AT OUR LODGINGS THEN?

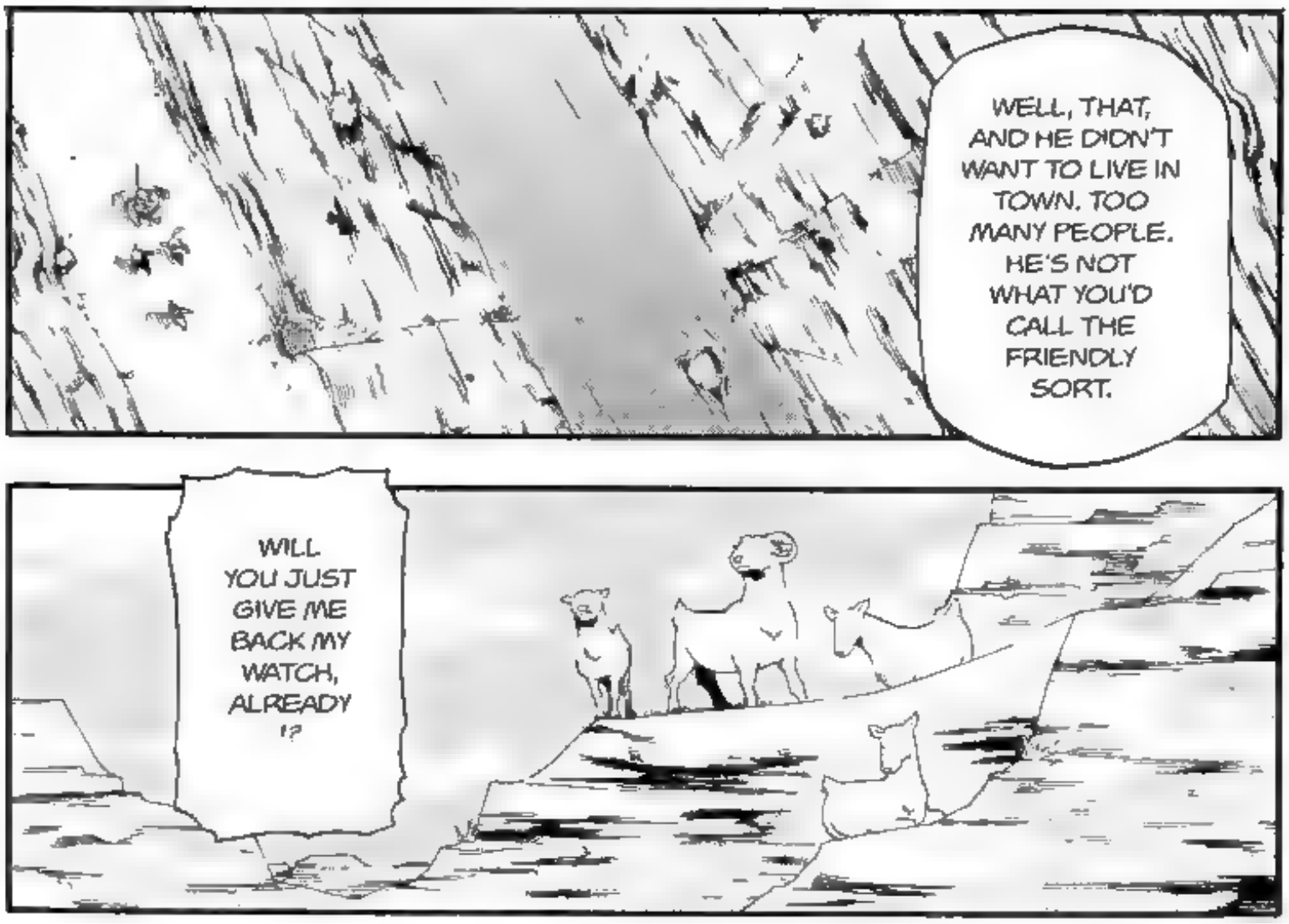
IT'S PRETTY DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS SO YOU SHOULD TRAVEL LIGHT.

GAB GAB GAB

YUP. HE SAYS HE CAN FIND BETTER QUALITY ORE FOR AUTO-MAIL PARTS OUT HERE, SO THAT'S WHY HE HAS A SHOP SO DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS.

YOU WEREN'T KIDDING. THIS ENGINEER OF YOURS REALLY ***DOES*** LIVE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE.

GLARE


WELL, THAT, AND HE DIDN'T WANT TO LIVE IN TOWN. TOO MANY PEOPLE. HE'S NOT WHAT YOU'D CALL THE FRIENDLY SORT.
WILL YOU JUST GIVE ME BACK MY WATCH, ALREADY !?
WE MADE A DEAL, REMEMBER? I GUIDE YOU TO THE ENGINEER AND YOU LET ME OFF THE HOOK.
I'M KEEPING THIS WATCH HOSTAGE UNTIL THEN.
I'M NOT THE ONE WHO MADE A DEAL WITH YOU...

YOU CAN SEE IT NOW! THERE IT IS!

CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU MANAGE TO COME HERE SO OFTEN, ALL THE WAY FROM TOWN.

PANINYA !

HOWDY !

WHOA, HE'S HUGE!! AND HE'S SMALL !!

OH, DO THEY WANT TO ORDER SOME AUTO-MAIL...?

CLANG CLANG

I BROUGHT SOME GUESTS.

HEY THERE, SATERA.

OH, HELLO, PANINYA. DID YOU BRING YOUR FRIENDS TODAY?

IT'S PRETTY UNUSUAL FOR A GIRL YOUR AGE TO BE INTO AUTO-MAIL...

AN ENGINEER WHO'S INTERESTED IN DOMINIC'S AUTO-MAIL.

THIS IS WINRY.

FUME— FUME— FUME

TAKE IT EASY.

CLANG CLANG

AH HA HA! NO, THAT'S NOT HIM.

HE DOESN'T SEEM ALL THAT UNFRIENDLY TO ME...

THAT'S DOMINIC?

CLANG CLANG CLANG

WHY DON'T YOU ALL JOIN US?

YOU'RE JUST IN TIME FOR TEA.

YAAAY!

CLANG

CLANG CLANG

THIS IS MY WIFE, SATERA.

CLANG CLANG CLANG

MY NAME IS RIDEL

RIDEL LE-COURT.

THE UNFRIENDLY ONE IS MY DAD, DOMINIC.

HIYA, DOMINIC!

I TOLD YOU, I DON'T WANT YOUR MONEY.

CLANG

CLANG

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHAT DO I WANT"? I'VE STILL GOT PAYMENTS TO MAKE ON THESE LEGS.

YOU AGAIN? WHAT DO *YOU* WANT?

GUESTS?

WHY DON'T WE ALL HAVE SOME TEA?

DAD, PANINYA'S BROUGHT SOME GUESTS WITH HER TODAY.

FRIENDLY AS EVER, I SEE!

..ARE THE CULMI-NATION OF MY LIFE-LONG DREAM

INTERNAL AUTO-MAIL CARBINES...

SILENCE! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO CRITICIZE MY ARTISTRY!!

YOU'RE RIGHT! IT *IS* ART!

LIFE-LONG DREAM, HUH?

WHO IN HIS RIGHT MIND DREAMS OF INSTALLING SOMETHING LIKE THAT IN A YOUNG GIRL?

TEE HEE! ♡

YOU GOT A GOOD TONGUE ON YOU, LITTLE GIRL.

IN ADDITION TO NORMAL AUTOMAIL FUNCTIONALITY, YOU'VE INTERNALIZED A WEAPON IN EACH LEG WITHOUT SACRIFICING THE SIMPLICITY OF THE EXTERIOR!

THIS MINIMALIST DESIGN IS NOTHING LESS THAN ART!

WOW, THAT'S SO AMAZING

A BABY? CONGRATULATIONS, MRS. LECOURT!

GAG... IT'S LIKE THEY'RE SPEAKING ANOTHER LANGUAGE.

...THE EXTERIOR DURABILITY AND OVERALL NESS IS...

COMPARED TO THE NORMAL CARBON METHOD...

...ADJUSTED TO THE ENDURANCE AND STRENGTH OF THE USER...

AH

OOH

CAN I FEEL YOUR TUMMY !?

HEE HEE! GO AHEAD.

IT'S SO HEAVY THAT I'M ALWAYS TIRED.

THE BABY'S DUE IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE TOUCHED A PREGNANT LADY'S TUMMY.

WHEN YOU TOUCH MY TUMMY, PLEASE PRAY THAT THE BABY WILL BE BORN HEALTHY.

AH HA HA

PAT

WHOA. THAT'S COOL.

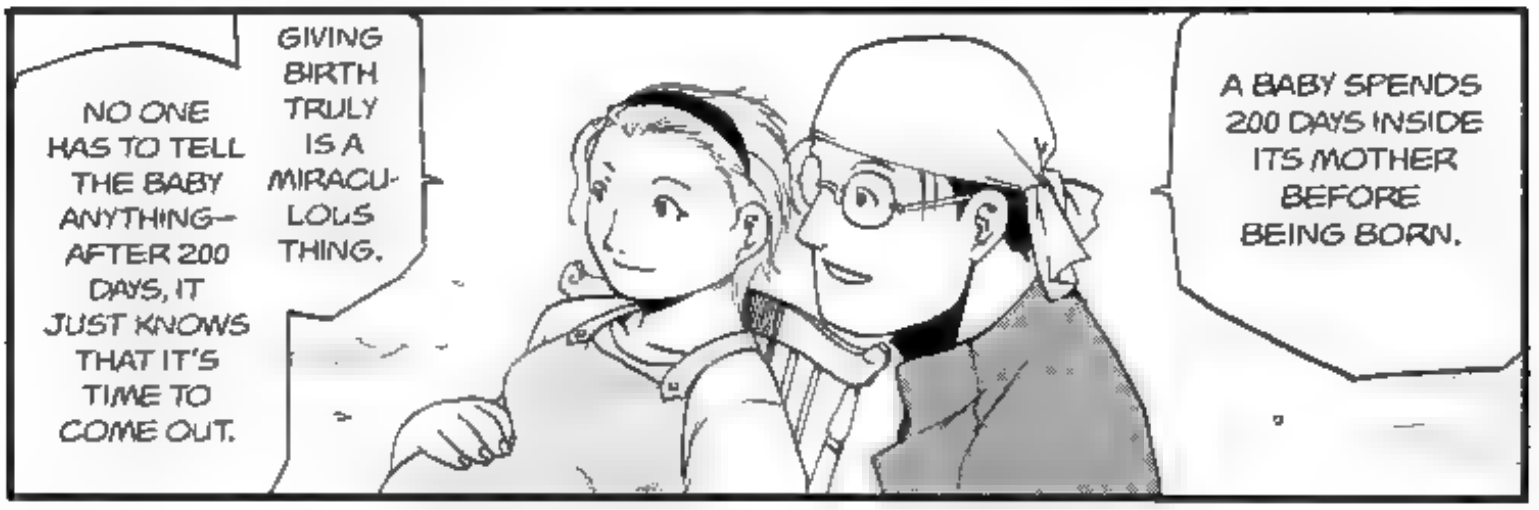
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHY, BUT IT'S REALLY COOL.

I KNOW.

IT'S EVEN STRANGE FOR ME TO THINK THAT THERE'S ANOTHER LIFE INSIDE OF ME.

TO THINK WE WERE IN OUR MOM'S BODY LIKE THAT TOO...

IT'S KIND OF WEIRD, HUH?


NO ONE HAS TO TELL THE BABY ANYTHING— AFTER 200 DAYS, IT JUST KNOWS THAT IT'S TIME TO COME OUT.
GIVING BIRTH TRULY IS A MIRACULOUS THING.
A BABY SPENDS 200 DAYS INSIDE ITS MOTHER BEFORE BEING BORN.

SINKING FEELING

HMPH..

17% CHROME AND 1% CARBON, HUH...?

TOK TOK

NO, WAIT! ARE YOU SAYING THAT IF I GET A **LIGHTER AUTO-MAIL**, I MIGHT GROW **TALLER!?**

DON'T CALL ME-

MAYBE THAT'S WHY HE'S SO SMALL FOR HIS AGE?

IT'S NOT HEALTHY TO PUT THAT MUCH STRAIN ON THE USER.

I CAN SEE WHY. COMPARED TO HIS BODY SIZE, THIS AUTO-MAIL IS WAY TOO HEAVY.

I WANT TO INCREASE THE STRENGTH AND MAKE IT LIGHTER, TOO.

I'M IN MY UNDER-WEAR AGAIN...

I'VE DECIDED!

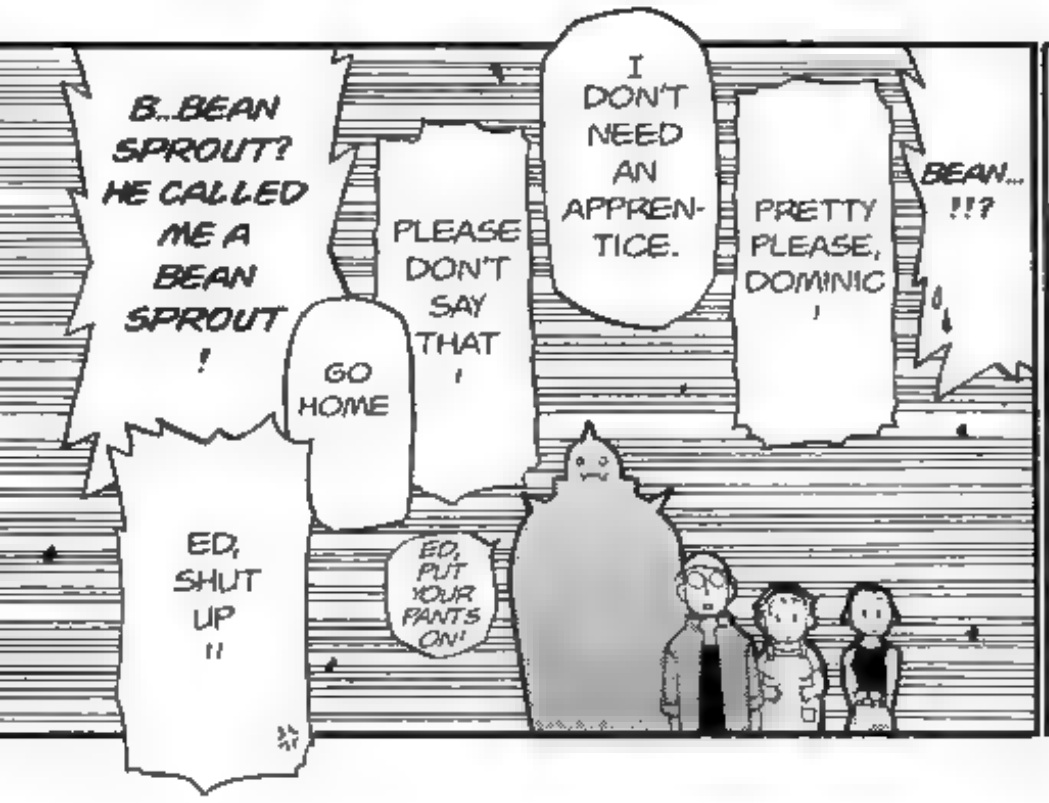
...OKAY!

ZAAAAAAH!

IT'S POSSI-BLE.

YEAH, RIGHT.
BOW!
TCH!
DOMINIC, PLEASE MAKE ME YOUR APPREN-TICE !!

NO WAY.. I DON'T TAKE APPREN-TICES.
CAN'T YOU AT LEAST TAKE SOME TIME TO THINK IT OVER?


B..BEAN SPROUT? HE CALLED ME A BEAN SPROUT !
ED, SHUT UP !!
GO HOME
PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT !
ED, PUT YOUR PANTS ON!
I DON'T NEED AN APPREN-TICE.
PRETTY PLEASE, DOMINIC !
BEAN... !!?

GO HOME, YOU LITTLE BEAN SPROUT.
HOW 'BOUT YOU WHIP ME UP AN ULTRA-LIGHT AUTO-MAIL THAT'LL MAKE ME GROW TALLER?
FOR-GET ABOUT HER...
MOUNTAIN SWEET CAKES

GRR RRR...

IT'S BEST JUST TO GIVE UP.

SORRY ABOUT THAT. MY DAD'S REALLY STUBBORN.

DOOSH--!!

DON'T LET MY OLD MAN SCARE YOU. YOU'RE WELCOME TO STAY HERE UNTIL THE RAIN LETS UP.

HA HA HA!

YEAH, ABOUT GOING...

KRAK

KOOM

WHAT ARE YOU STILL DOING HERE? SCRAM !!

DO OM

SHAAAAA

UGH...WHEN THE WEATHER GETS BAD, MY JOINTS ACHE.

RUB RUB

THE RAIN S NOT LETTING UP.

BRRMBRMB

I WAS IN A TRAIN ACCI-DENT.

IF YOU DON'T MIND MY ASKING, PANINYA, HOW DID YOU COME TO NEED AUTO-MAIL?

WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PARENTS AND YOU LOSE YOUR ABILITY TO WALK, YOU FEEL LIKE IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD.

THE ACTUAL TIME I SPENT CRAWLING WASN'T THAT LONG...

...BUT THAT WAS THE LOWEST POINT IN MY LIFE.

YUP..I MUST HAVE LOOKED PRETTY AWFUL BACK THEN.

THE "EYES OF THE DEAD"..

YOU THINK YOU'RE THE MOST UNFORTUNATE PERSON IN THE WORLD, IS THAT IT, YOU LITTLE BRAT?

WHAT'RE *YOU* LOOKIN' AT?

SHUT UP.

LET GO! LET GO OF ME!!

HUH... WHAT ARE YOU...

YANK

PEOPLE LIKE YOU REALLY PISS ME OFF.

BUT..

BEFORE I KNEW WHAT HAPPENED, HE HAD FITTED ME WITH THESE AUTO-MAIL LEGS.

THE SURGERY WAS PAINFUL AND THE REHABILITATION WAS EXCRUCIATING, THAT'S FOR SURE!

WHEN I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO STAND ON MY OWN TWO FEET, I FELT SO HAPPY.

THE SUN WAS WARM AND SEEMED SO MUCH CLOSER THAN IT'D EVER BEEN BEFORE.

THESE LEGS GAVE ME BACK MY WILL TO LIVE.

THEY GAVE ME THE FREEDOM TO ***GO*** PLACES IN LIFE—THEY GAVE ME A ***FUTURE.***

THAT'S WHY I LOVE DOMINIC SO MUCH.

BUT I ALSO LOVE RIDEL, WINRY AND ANYONE THAT WORKS WITH AUTO-MAIL!

THANKS.

AW, YOU'RE MAKING ME BLUSH.

I'M NOT SO POOR THAT I NEED TO TAKE MONEY FROM A BRAT LIKE YOU.

PAYMENT? I DON'T WANT IT, YOU FOOL...

WHEN THE DOCTOR TOLD ME THE MARKET PRICE FOR THE AUTO-MAIL DOMINIC MADE ME, I NEARLY FLIPPED MY LID.

YOU'D NEVER BE ABLE TO PAY THAT.

BUT I HAD TO KNOW HOW MUCH IT COST.

SIGH...

WELL THEN...

I FEEL SO GUILTY THAT IT MAKES ME WANNA CRY.

NOT ONLY DOES HE NOT LET ME PAY, BUT HE ALWAYS GIVES ME FREE CHECK-UPS AND MAINTE-NANCE.

YEAH.

BUT DOMINIC NEVER TAKES MY MONEY.

SO THAT'S WHY YOU KEEP COMING HERE. YOU'RE TRYING TO PAY OFF THAT DEBT IN INSTALL-MENTS.

SHAAAAAA

IF YOU ***REALLY*** APPRECIATE WHAT DOMINIC'S DONE FOR YOU, THEN ***STOP PICK-POCKETING!***

CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
SHUT UP
COME ON, POPS MAKE ME A LIGHTER AUTO-MAIL PLEASE...
YOU HAVE TO REPAY HIM IN AN HONEST WAY, TOO!
DOMINIC GAVE THOSE LEGS TO YOU FROM AN HONEST DESIRE TO ***HELP*** YOU.
HUH? BUT IF I DON'T KEEP UP MY BUSINESS, THEN I'LL ***NEVER*** BE ABLE TO PAY IT OFF...
ISN'T IT WORTH REPAYING THE DEBT A LITTLE AT A TIME, IN AN ***HONEST*** WAY, EVEN IF IT TAKES YOU A LIFETIME !?
DOMINIC TOOK YOU FROM THE BRINK OF DEATH AND HELPED GIVE YOU A HEALTHY LIFE.
CLANG CLANG
IT'S NOT AN ISSUE OF HOW MUCH SOMETHING COSTS. PICK-POCKETING IS A ***CRIME!***
IT'S LIKE WHAT ED ALWAYS SAYS—
IT HAS TO BE AN ***"EQUIVALENT EXCHANGE"*** !

AN HONEST BUCK, A LITTLE AT A TIME, HUH?

YEAH... I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

I'LL GET AN HONEST JOB AND PAY BACK MY DEBT!

I MAY AS WELL AT LEAST TRY IT!

ALL RIGHT! I'LL STOP PICK POCKET-ING!

HUH!?

THAT LITTLE KID IS A STATE ALCHEMIST!?

HM...SO ***THIS*** IS HIS PROOF THAT HE'S A STATE ALCHEMIST.

I'VE NEVER SEEN IT UP CLOSE BEFORE.

CAN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER.

OH!

SPEAKING OF PICKING POCKETS, I FORGOT TO GIVE ED HIS WATCH BACK.

HE SAID "DON'T OPEN IT," HMM ?

WHEN HE SAW ME TRYING, HE YELLED "DON'T OPEN IT."

I COULDN'T GET THE LID TO OPEN.

HMM !

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING IN THERE THAT HE DOESN'T WANT ANYONE TO SEE!

THAT LITTLE RAT. HE USED ALCHEMY TO SEAL IT SHUT.

PRY PRY

THAT'S WHAT I LOVE ABOUT YOU.

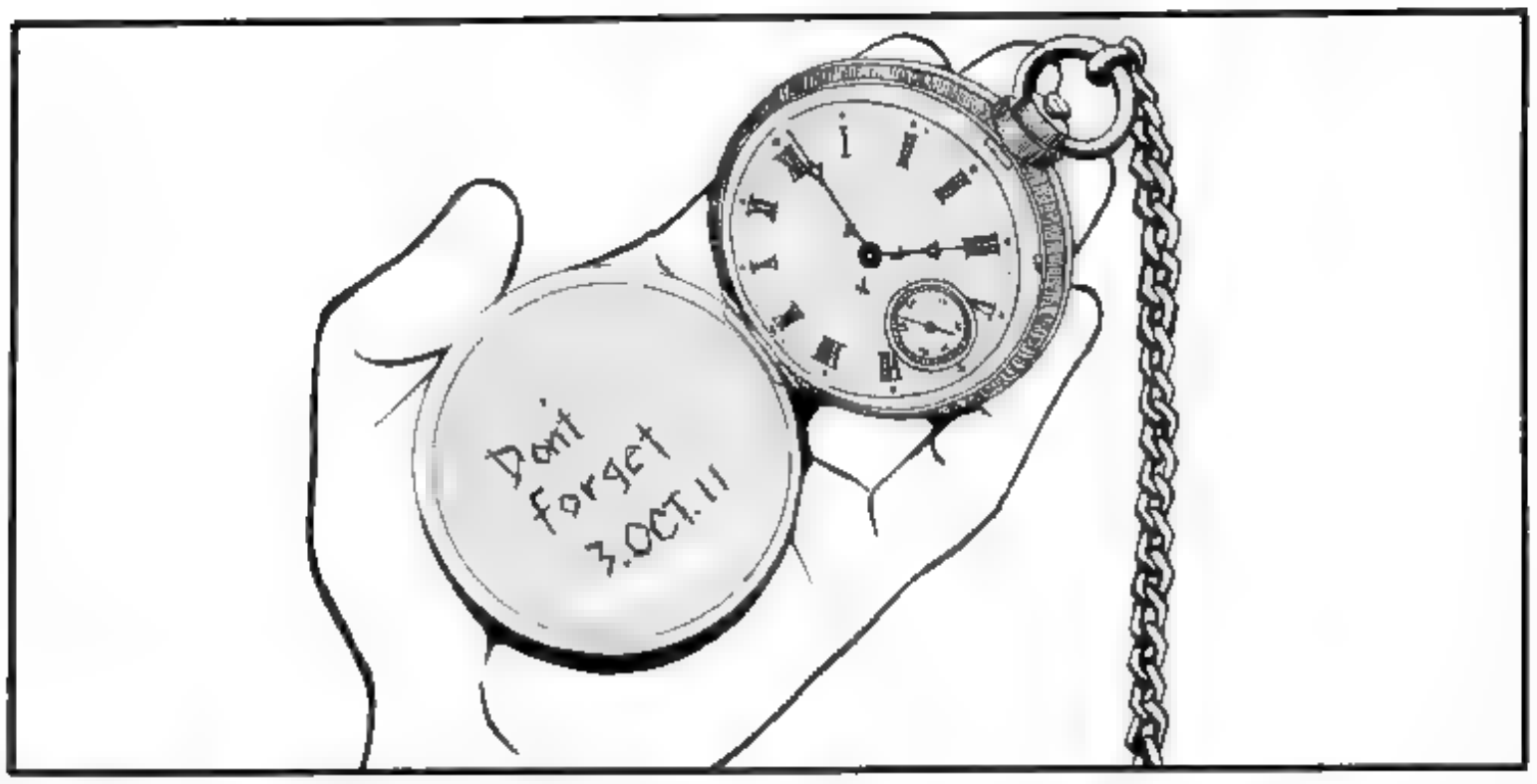
I THINK IT'S TIME FOR ME TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE.

SHING!

NOW TO TAKE A PEEK AT ED'S HIDDEN TREASURE...

PLINK

...OH, IT OPENED !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WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
I DON'T GET IT.
"DON'T FORGET OCTOBER 3, YEAR 11"...

ONE MORE TIME.
sniff
WINRY ?
GIVE THIS BACK TO ED.
SNAP

I'M GONNA GO ASK DOMINIC TO ACCEPT ME AS HIS APPRENTICE, *ONE MORE TIME!*

TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

BEATS ME.

RIDEL, COME QUICK !!

IT'S YOUR WIFE !!

!!?

BAM

SA-TERA !!

WHAT'S THE MATTER? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?

TH... THE...

THE WHAT !?

THE BABY'S COMING...

I THOUGHT IT WASN'T DUE FOR A FEW MORE DAYS!

YES...MY STOMACH'S BEEN FEELING A LITTLE STRANGE SINCE THIS AFTERNOON, BUT I KNEW IT WAS STILL TOO EARLY...

SLAM

WHAT'S GOING ON !?

PANIC PANIC PANIC PANIC

CAN EVERYONE *PLEASE* TRY TO *CALM DOWN!*

MY GRAND-CHILD. MY GRAND-CHILD'S GOING TO BE BORN!!

MY GRAND-CHILD!

SIGH

DAD, BE CARE-FUL!

SPLISH SPLISH SPLISH

TH... THERE'S NO WAY I CAN TAKE YOU TO THE HOSPITAL IN THIS WEATHER.

I'LL RIDE INTO TOWN AND GET THE DOCTOR.

SHAAAAA

D...DON'T WORRY. DAD'S GONNA BRING THE DOCTOR HERE RIGHT AWAY.

EVERY-ONE JUST STAY CALM.

KRAK

Y... YEAH. YOU'RE RIGHT.

FLUSTER FLUSTER

YOU CAN SAY THAT ALL YOU WANT, BUT IT'S GONNA BE BORN WHEN IT'S GONNA BE BORN.

JUST HOLD ON UNTIL THE DOCTOR COMES!

ALL RIGHT?

HUFF PANT

SLAM

I GUESS THERE'S NO SENSE IN FREAKING OUT..

...NO WAY.

THE BRIDGE IS...

A LIGHTNING STRIKE...!

GWOOSH

WHAT DO WE DO?

WHAT ELSE *CAN* I DO!?

I'LL DO MY BEST!

BAM

I GET IT! THE BRIDGE !

BZZT FZZT BZZT

COME ON !!!

ZZTZZTZZTZZTZZT

KRAK

SPOOSH

KRK
SNAP
KRAK

!!

THWACK

O... DAMN IT !!

WHAT WAS THAT? WHAT HAPPEN-ED?

IT COL-LAPSED UNDER ITS OWN WEIGHT.

WHY DID HE QUIT HALFWAY !?

BUT DURING THE TRANS-MUTATION, THE BRIDGE GETS TOO HEAVY BEFORE IT CAN REACH THE OTHER SIDE.

TO CREATE A BRIDGE THAT CAN SPAN THE LENGTH OF THE CHASM, HE HAS TO TRANSMUTE AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MASS.

THINK.. THINK !!

WHAT CAN I DO... ?

IF I BUILT A BRIDGE WITH SUP-PORTS...

THE TORRENT OF WATER BELOW WOULD SWEEP IT AWAY BEFORE I FINISHED TRANSMUTING.

IT'S TOO FAR TO CREATE A BRIDGE THAT SPANS THIS ENTIRE DISTANCE.

..AND THEN THE WHOLE CLIFF WOULD CRUM-BLE.

IF I TRIED TO BUILD SOMETHING THAT LARGE THEN WE WOULDN'T HAVE ANY GROUND LEFT TO STAND ON...

THEN THERE'S ALSO THE LAW OF CONSER-VATION OF MASS.

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WASTE ANY MORE TIME HERE.

AND IT'S TOO DANGEROUS STANDING AROUND WITH ALL THIS LIGHTNING.

THERE'S NO TIME.

DAMN IT! ISN'T THERE ANY OTHER WAY!?

SHAAAAA

YOU ALL GO BACK TO THE HOUSE AND KEEP SATERA'S SPIRIT UP FOR ME.

IT'LL TAKE A LOT LONGER TO BRING THE DOCTOR BACK, BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE PICKY RIGHT NOW.

'ROUND THE OTHER WAY THERE'S AN OLD ROAD THAT LEADS TO A TOWN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN.

SPLISH SPLISH SPLISH

ALL RIGHT, THEN.

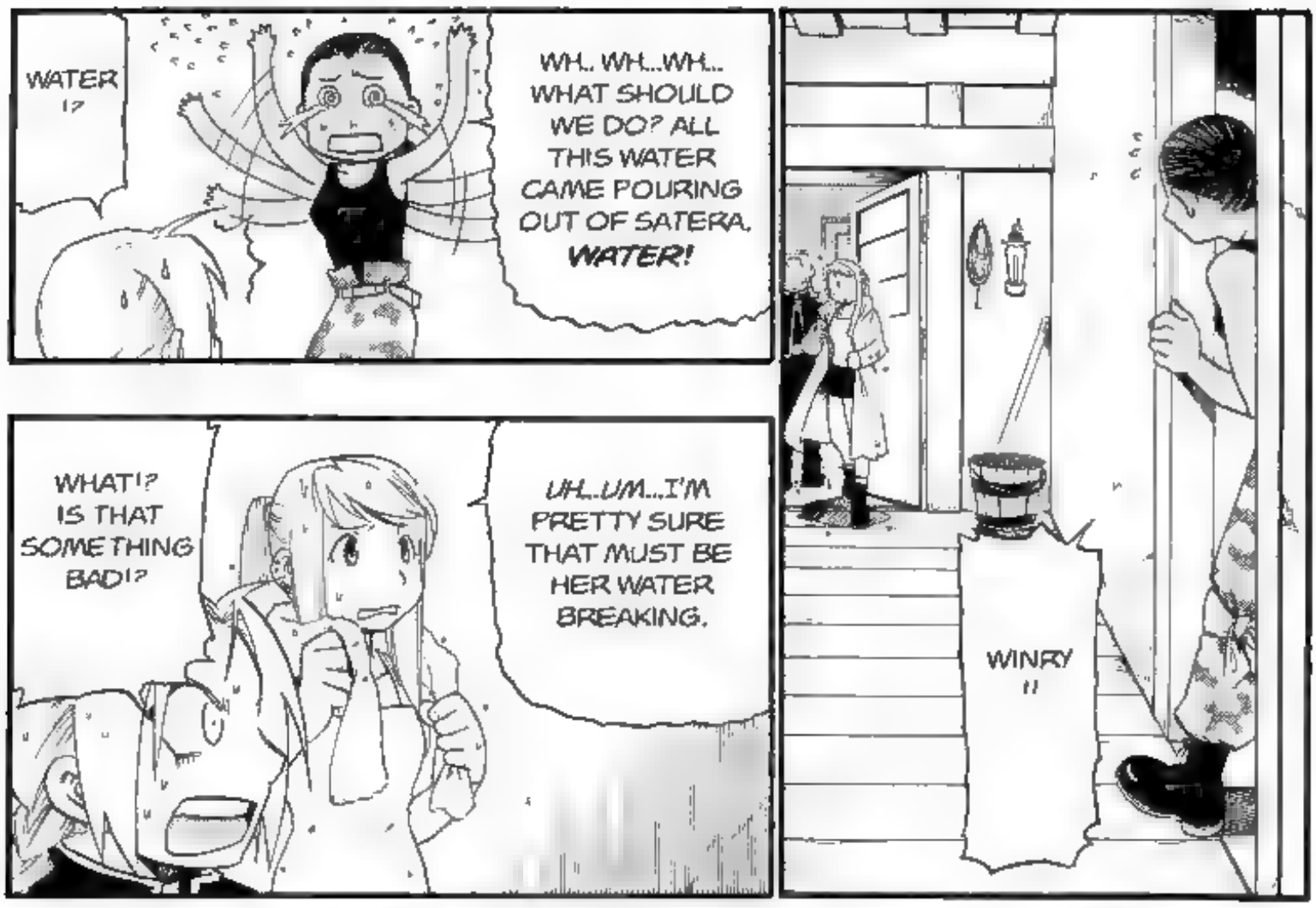
...IF I CAN'T EVEN USE MY POW-ERS...

...WHEN I NEED THEM THE MOST...!!?

SHAAAAA

WHAT'S THE USE OF BEING A STATE ALCHE-MIST...

...OR A "HUMAN WEAPON..."


WATER!?
WH.. WH...WH... WHAT SHOULD WE DO? ALL THIS WATER CAME POURING OUT OF SATERA. WATER!
WHAT!? IS THAT SOMETHING BAD!?
UH..UM...I'M PRETTY SURE THAT MUST BE HER WATER BREAKING.
WINRY!!
IT MEANS THE BABY'S READY TO BE BORN..
PANIC PANIC PANIC PANIC
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO? THE DOCTOR'S NOT EVEN HERE!!

GR AB

GRAB

GRAB

RIDEL, COULD YOU COME OVER HERE!?

WHAT !?

HMPH

YOU CAN'T STOP HER ONCE SHE SETS HER MIND TO SOME-THING.

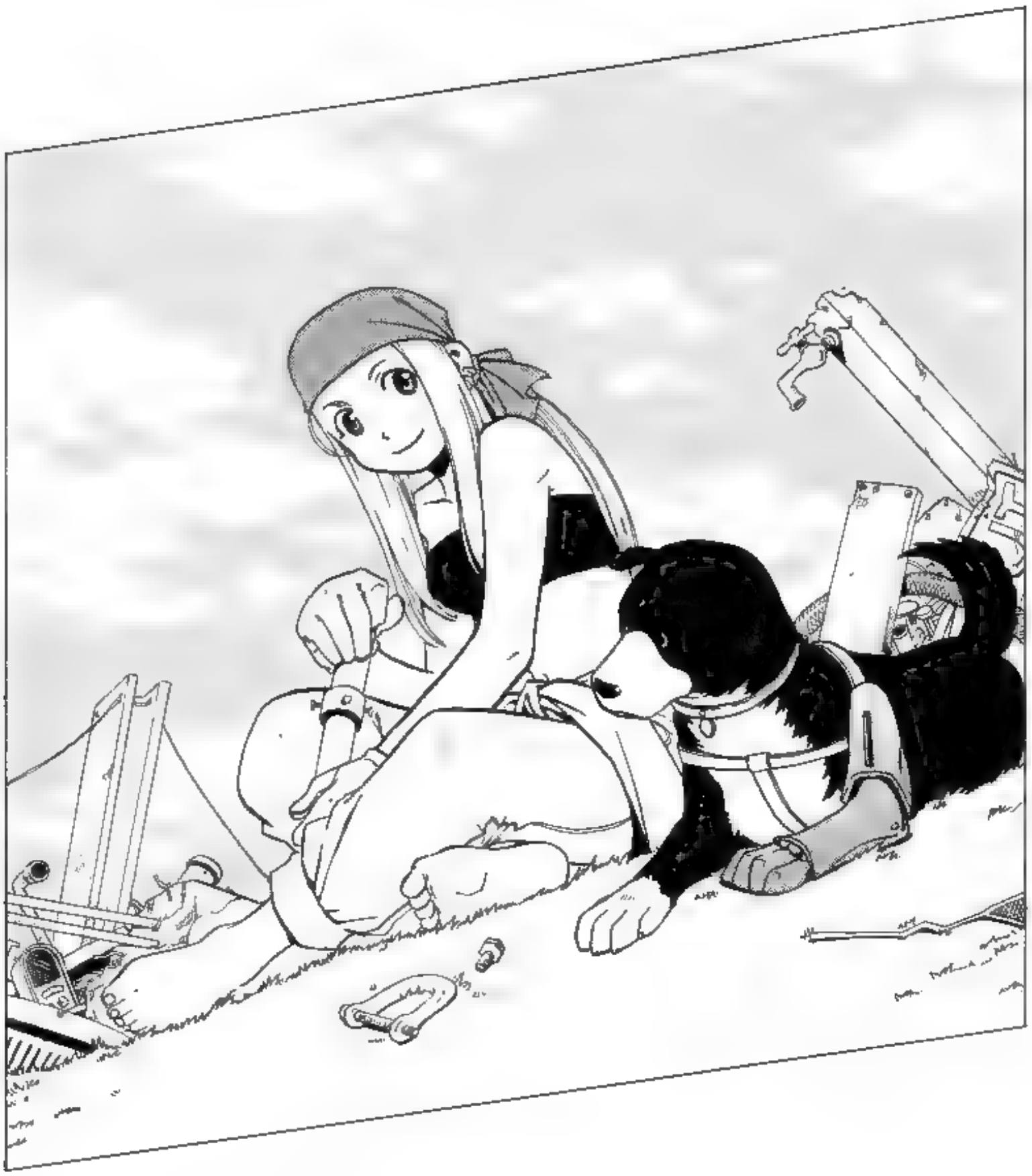
AND RIGHT NOW, IT'S OUR ONLY OPTION.

BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE INDECISIVE.
NONE AT ALL.
DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE DELIVERING CHILDREN!?
ARE YOU SER-IOUS !?

...I WILL DELIVER THE BABY.
WITH EVERY-ONE'S HELP...

PREPARE YOURSELF !
ALL RIGHT, MA'AM.

Chapter 19: I'll Do It for You Guys!



SHAAAAAAAAA

H... HOW MUCH ?

A LOT.

ED AND AL, YOU GUYS BOIL SOME WATER.

HUSTLE BUSTLE

HUSTLE

RIDEL, DO YOU HAVE ANY ALCOHOL FOR DISIN-FECTANT ?

PANINYA, GATHER AS MANY TOWELS AS YOU CAN.

AND SOMEONE PUT SOME DRINKING WATER NEAR SATERA'S PILLOW !

ALL WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW IS TRUST WINRY.

HUSTLE BUSTLE

HUSTLE

HEY, DO YOU THINK EVERY-THING WILL BE OKAY?

WH... WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN ?

WAIT...

BUT-!!

YOU'RE RIGHT. SHE ONLY HAS A CASUAL UNDER-STANDING OF IT AT BEST.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT SHE ACTUALLY ***STUDIED*** MEDICINE...

...SHE USED TO LOOK THROUGH MEDICAL BOOKS AS IF THEY WERE PICTURE BOOKS, JUST LIKE AL AND I DID WITH ALCHEMY BOOKS.

SHE COMES FROM A FAMILY OF DOCTORS SO...

WINRY...?

...!!

WHAT ELSE WAS THERE...?

CHECK THE ARM.

AND COME WATER.

C'MON THINK.

SHAKE SHAKE

THINK.

RIGHT NOW, SHE'S THE BEST WE'VE GOT. ALL WE CAN DO IS TRUST IN HER MEMORY AND COURAGE !!

YOU CAN DO IT!

OKAY!

GRAB

SLAM

UM... SURE!

PANINYA, CAN YOU COME IN HERE AND GIVE ME A HAND?

AGGGH! NOOO! AGGGHH!

OW... !! IT HURTS !!

SHUDDER SHUDDER

I'M GONNA DIE !!!

I FEEL SO USE-LESS..

WHEN ALL YOU CAN DO IS PRAY...

I GUESS THIS IS ONE OF THE TIMES...

I KNOW THIS SOUNDS KINDA PATHETIC, BUT RIGHT NOW... I'M SCARED TO THE CORE

ME, TOO.

SHAAA

SLUMP

H...
HEY
!!

KLAK

BIG
BRO-
THER
!

IT'S
TOO
MUCH...

THE
BLOOD...

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BLOOD...

HEY,
WHAT
HAP-
PENED
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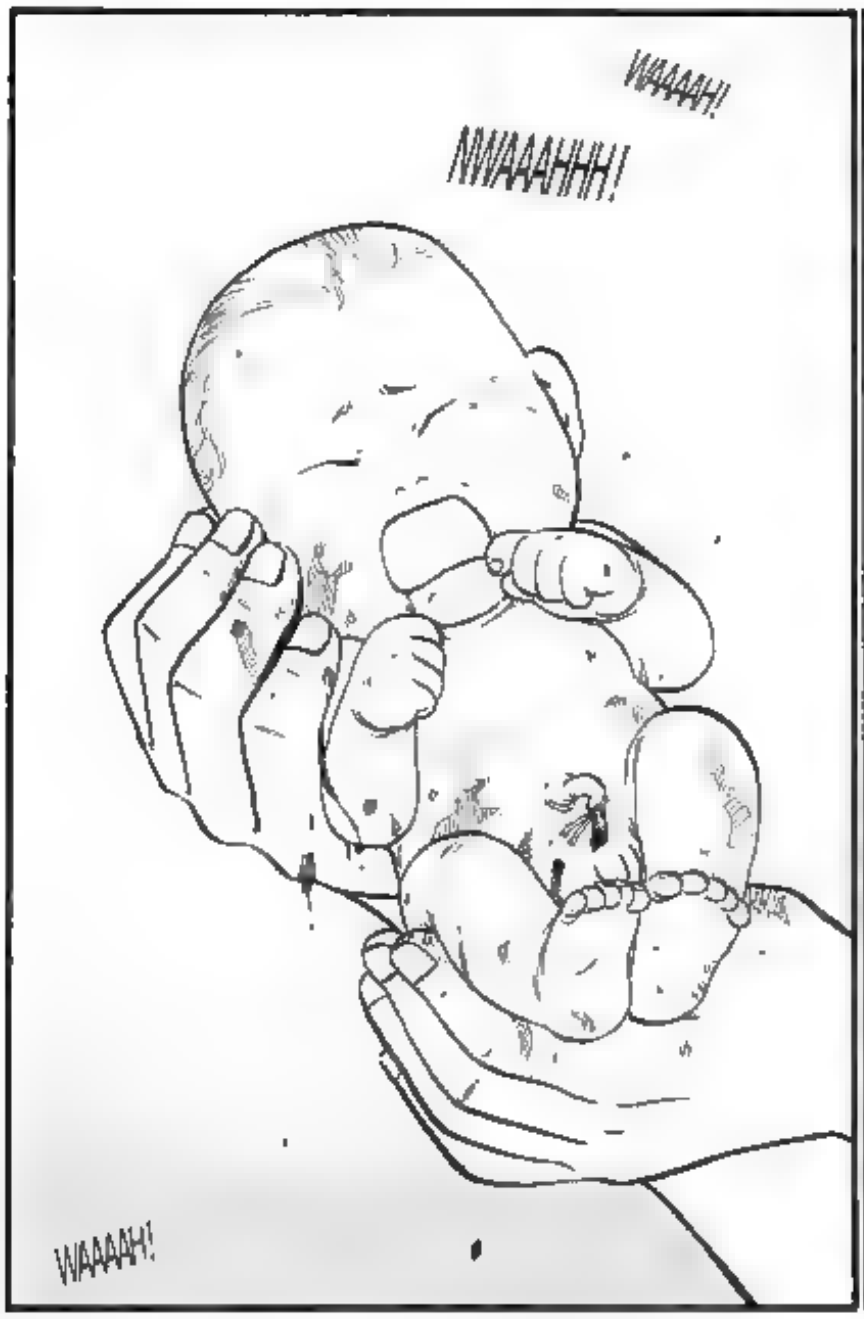
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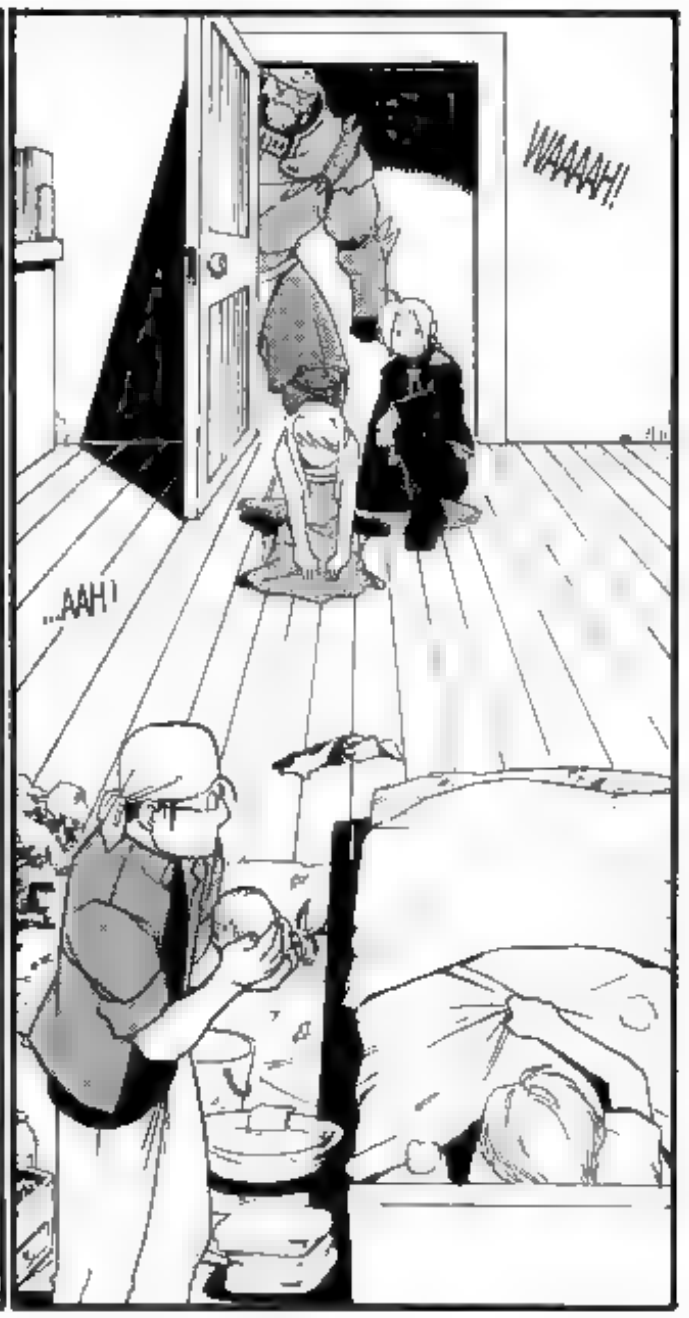
NWAAAHHH!
WAAAAH!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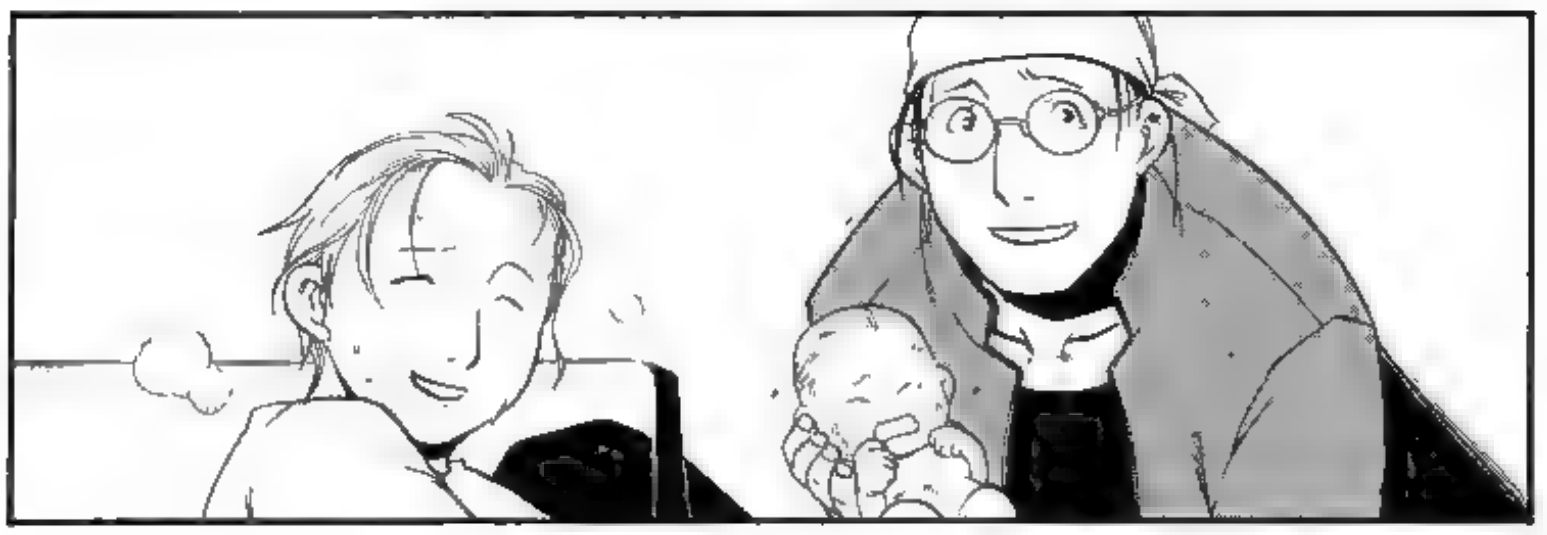


IT'S...

..OKAY.

IT'S...

IT'S OKAY!

I CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF BLOOD...

BLOOD...

WAHAHA HAHA

SHEESH, PANINYA, DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!

NOW WE HAVE TO GIVE HIM A BATH.

OKAY, GOT IT!

AND THANK YOU SO MUCH, WINRY.

YOU REALLY HUNG IN THERE, SATERA.

THIS IS AWE-SOME! IT'S SO AWE-SOME!

THAT'S SO COOL! IT'S A REAL, LIVE BABY!

FAFA'S GONNA GIVE YOU A BATH...

BUT THINK ABOUT IT- IT'S THE BIRTH OF A NEW LIFE!

YOU KEEP SAYING "AWESOME." THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING A ***KID*** WOULD SAY...

...A WOMAN CAN DO IN 200 DAYS!!

WHAT ALCHEMY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DO AFTER HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF RESEARCH-- CREATING A LIVING HUMAN...

WHAT CAN I SAY? I'M AN ALCHEMIST! THAT'S HOW I THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS...

UM!

IT TAKES ALL THE ***BEAUTY*** OUT OF THE MYSTERY OF LIFE WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT IT SCIENTIFICALLY!

HUMAN BEINGS ARE AWESOME.

YEAH... IT REALLY WAS AWE-SOME, WASN'T IT?

HA HA HA! JUST KEEP THE COMPLI-MENTS COMING!

NOT BAD FOR AN AMA-TEUR.

YOU'RE PRETTY AWE-SOME YOUR-SELF.

TUG

WELL, FOR NOW...

ARRGH.

BLOOD... THE BLOOD...

...IS THERE ANYTHING THAT I CAN DO?

NOW THAT THE BABY'S DELIVER-ED...

HUH ?

...HELP ME UP.

PST!

I WAS SO RELIEVED WHEN IT WAS SAFELY OVER THAT I LOST ALL THE STRENGTH IN MY LEGS.

I SWEAR, I'LL DROP YOU.

IT'S SO *HUMILIATING* TO BE CARRIED BY SOMEONE *SMALLER* THAN MYSELF...

UM, ED...

WHAT?

...

MMBL MMBL

YOU'RE *SO* NOT CUTE!

DROP

KA

BAM

...AND I SAW WHAT WAS INSIDE.

I OPENED YOUR WATCH...

YOU FORCED IT OPEN ?!

I'M SORRY.

YOU...

HEY, THAT...

I'M REALLY SORRY.

...YOU IDIOT.

...I'VE NEVER EVEN SHOWN IT TO AL.

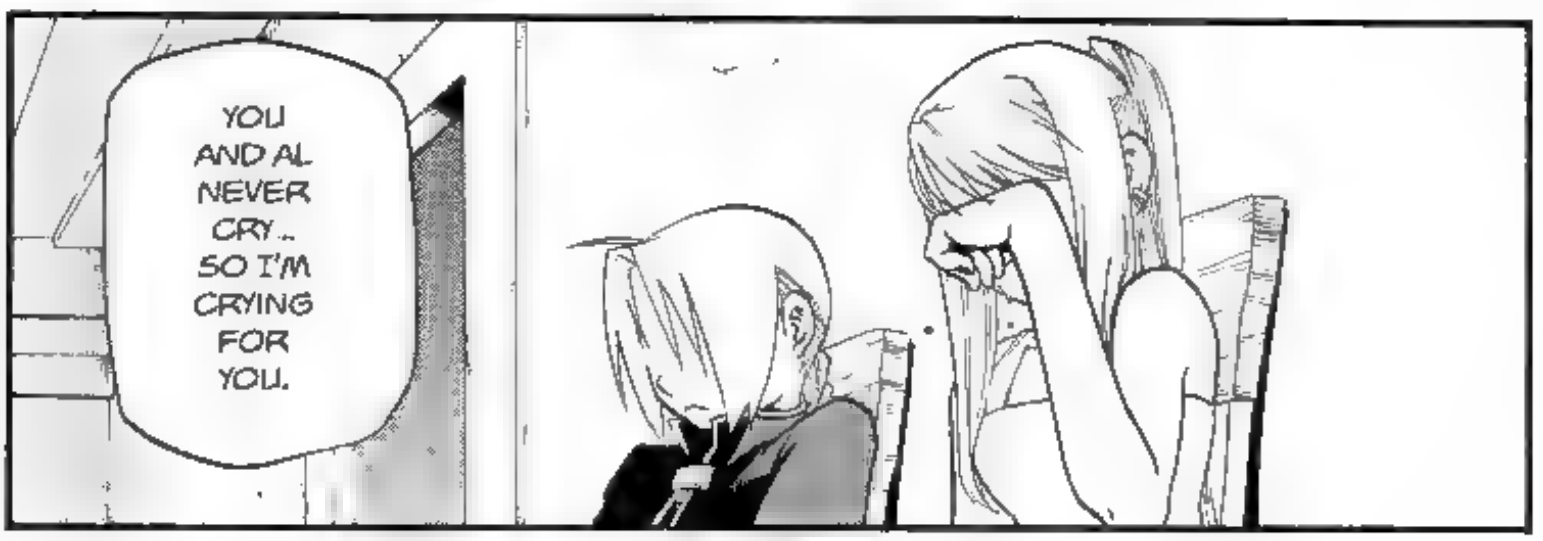
WHY NOT ?

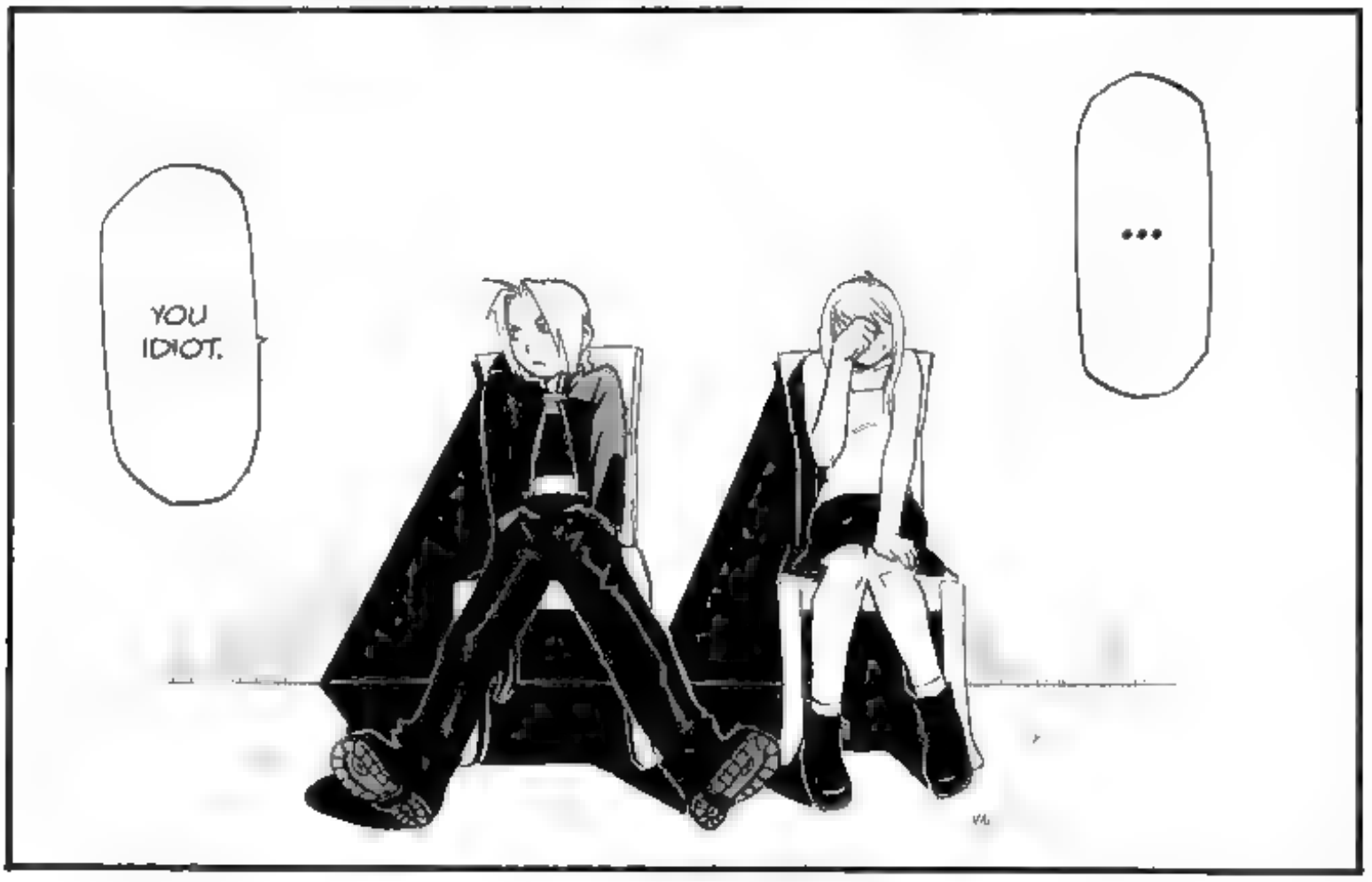
THE FACT THAT I CARRY AROUND THIS WATCH...

...TO REMIND ME OF THE PROMISE THAT I MADE TO MYSELF.. AND TO KEEP MYSELF GOING..

...MAKES ME FEEL SO PATHETIC.

WHY ARE YOU THE ONE WHO'S CRYING?


YOU AND AL NEVER CRY... SO I'M CRYING FOR YOU.


YOU IDIOT.
...

BESIDES, GRANNY'S PROBABLY GETTING LONELY BY HERSELF.

GO BACK AND CHEER HER UP.

SEEING *THAT* MUST HAVE MADE YOU APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT AT LEAST YOU *HAVE* A HOME TO RETURN TO, RIGHT?

WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK HOME?

IT'S NOT THAT.

SEEING IT *MADE ME* REALIZE THAT I ***COULDN'T*** GO HOME.

I WANT TO BE ABLE TO HELP YOU...

...SO YOUR ROAD'S NOT SO HARD.

YOU BURNED DOWN YOUR OWN HOME... AND THEN YOU WROTE THAT IN YOUR WATCH... SO YOU'D NEVER FORGET AND NEVER TURN BACK.

IF YOU CAN DO THAT, I SHOULD BE JUST AS SERIOUS ABOUT THE THINGS I BELIEVE IN.

I WANT...

...TO GET BETTER AT ENGINEERING... AND MAKE YOU THE BEST AUTO-MAIL I CAN.

SO I'M GOING TO ASK DOMINIC *ONE MORE TIME* TO ACCEPT ME AS HIS APPRENTICE.

WELL THEN..!

HEY, PANINYA!!

...YEAH?

GOOD LUCK.

THANKS.

ED. IT'S NOT NICE TO HIT GIRLS!

SMACK

OWWW!!

THEN I'LL HIT YOU WITH MY LEFT !

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO HIT ME WITH YOUR *RIGHT* HAND!

SHUT UP!! I'M LETTING YOU OFF THE HOOK WITH JUST ONE PUNCH, SO GIVE ME BACK MY WATCH, YOU LITTLE THIEF!!

OUCH !! WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR !!?

KLANG

GOOSH

HEY THERE, LITTLE GUY! I'M YOUR GRAND-PA.

THE POST DELIVERY PROCESS WAS HANDLED WELL, TOO.

BOTH MOTHER AND CHILD ARE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDI-TION.

WHAT A RELIEF. WHAT WITH THE STORM, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS GONNA HAPPEN.

I MISS THE CRANKY VER-SION...

HE'S TURNED INTO THE DOTING GRAND-PA.

AIN'T YOU THE CUTEST LITTLE THING !

THAT'S MY GRAND-SON!

IT WAS NOTHING, REALLY! I JUST DID WHAT I COULD AND HOPED FOR THE BEST.

NO! NO!

EVEN ADULTS GET SCARED OVER BEING IN CHARGE OF DELIVERING A BABY. YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING ELSE.

HE WAS PROBABLY BORN EARLY BECAUSE MY BIG BROTHER TOUCHED HER TUMMY. ED'S SO IMPATIENT IT RUBBED OFF.

IT'S ***MY*** FAULT NOW !?

HM.

HA HA HA!

WELL, THE BABY WAS DELIVERED WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS SO EVERYTHING TURNED OUT OKAY.

IF HE HAD COME OUT ON THE DAY THAT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO, NONE OF THIS TROUBLE WOULD HAVE HAPPENED.

THANK YOU.

I DON'T SAY THIS OFTEN, BUT...YOU EARNED IT...

EVERYONE-- ESPECIALLY ***YOU***, YOUNG LADY--REALLY HELPED US OUT.

DING
DING
DING

NO NEED TO BE SO FORMAL. YOU'RE MAKING ME SELF-CON-SCIOUS.

NO.

NUDGE NUDGE

NOW THAT YOU'RE IN A GOOD MOOD, WHY DON'T YOU CONSIDER TAKING ON AN APPRENTICE?

SO HOW ABOUT IT, BOSS?

A YOUNG GIRL SHOULDN'T MAKE HER FAMILY WORRY.

BESIDES, YOU HAVE A FAMILY WAITING FOR YOU BACK HOME, MISSY.

I'M GRATEFUL THAT YOU HELPED US BY DELIVERING THE BABY, BUT THIS IS ANOTHER MATTER AL-TOGETHER.

I *DON'T* TAKE ON *APPREN-TICES.*

...

HE WON'T BUDGE!

BUT HE'S RIGHT. GRANNY PINAKO WILL BE ALL ALONE IN RESEMBOOL...

THUNK

P...PINAKO... FROM RESEMBOOL...?

YES. PINAKO ROCKBELL IS MY GRAND-MOTHER.

WHAM!

SCOOT SCOOT SCOOT

OHO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO

THE WILD WOMAN! THE PANTHER-ESS OF RESEM-BOOL!

THE MEM-ORIES ARE TOO AWFUL!

NNGGGGGGGG

THE WHAT?!

PINAKO ROCK-BELL'S GRAND-CHILD...

DON'T ASK!! YOU'RE GONNA REOPEN MY OLD WOUNDS!!

SHOOP!

UM...DID SOMETHING HAPPEN BETWEEN GRANNY AND YOU?

I DON'T ACCEPT APPRENTICES, AND NOW THAT I KNOW YOU'RE THAT WOMAN'S GRANDCHILD, IT MAKES ME WANT TO TAKE YOU ON EVEN LESS! WHAT I MEAN IS...

AHEM!

IN ANY CASE...

HMPH!

IF YOU'RE GONNA GET IN MY WAY, THEN DON'T BOTHER COMING.

CAN I COME HERE ONCE IN AWHILE TO WATCH YOU WORK?

WELL...

PAT

IF YOU *MUST* BE TRAINED, THEN I SUPPOSE I CAN INTRODUCE YOU TO A GOOD ENGINEER AT THE BOTTOM OF THE MOUNTAIN WHO MIGHT TAKE YOU IN.

...IF YOU WANNA COME HERE OCCASIONALLY TO VISIT MY GRANDCHILD, THEN I GUESS I COULDN'T STOP YOU.

SIGH

BUT...

HE'S A SOFTIE INSIDE.

...IF SHE CHANGES HER WAYS.

AND THE LITTLE PICKPOCKET CAN COME, TOO...

AFTER YOU TAKE THE OLD ROAD THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS, YOU'LL BE IN THE TOWN OF ***SOUTH HOOD.***

SOUTH HOOD

RUSH VALLEY

YOU CAN TAKE A CARRIAGE FROM THERE TO RUSH VALLEY.

AW, GREAT... ANOTHER MOUNTAIN ROAD ?

I'M ALREADY FEELING TIRED...

OKAY, I WILL.

TAKE THIS FOOD WITH YOU.

THANKS.

WHILE YOU'RE THERE, ASK THE TOWNS-PEOPLE TO REPAIR THE BRIDGE.

WHEN YOU GET TO THE BOTTOM, GO SEE AN ENGINEER NAMED ***GARFIEL.***

HE DOES GOOD WORK AND IS LOOKING FOR AN APPREN-TICE.

RUSH VALLEY

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WELL THEN, GOOD-BYE!

ALL RIGHT.

CHOOO!

RUSH VALLEY

OH NO! THE TRAIN'S LEAVING !

AL, RUN !!

RUSH

CHUG

CHUG

CHUG

WELL, I GUESS THIS IS IT!

YUP !

TOSS

BE CAREFUL OUT THERE !

YOU TOO !

YOU BETTER TRAIN..

LEAP

..HARD !!

I DON'T NEED *YOU* OF ALL PEOPLE TO REMIND ME!

CHUG

GRANNY'S PROBABLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU! MAKE SURE YOU GIVE HER A CALL!

CHUG

CHUG

YOU CAN COUNT ON IT!

MAKE SURE YOU STEAL SOME OF THAT OLD GEEZER'S SECRETS SO THAT NEXT TIME YOU CAN MAKE ME A BETTER ONE OF THESE!!

AH HA HA !

UH HUH. I SEE.

IS THAT SO? IN RUSH VALLEY?

SO, ED AND AL WENT TO THEIR TEACHER'S PLACE?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING. JUST MAKE SURE YOU WORK HARD AND MAKE THE BEST OF IT.

CLINK

THEY SURE DON'T STAY IN ONE PLACE FOR LONG, DO THEY?

OKAY, THEN. TAKE CARE.

SIGH-

THIS HOUSE SEEMS AWFULLY BIG RIGHT NOW...

MY...

TUP TUP TUP TUP

WOOF

WHAT...?

PEEK

REALLY...

SHOO! SHOO!

I AIN'T SOME KID, MUTT! I DON'T GET LONELY!

I ALWAYS THOUGHT OF THEM AS LITTLE KIDS...

...BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN, THEY'RE BEGINNING TO WALK THEIR OWN PATH.

THOSE KIDS...

DUBLITH

Welcome!

HOTEL

MEAT

OPEN

VWOOOOOO

...OUR TEACHER ISN'T HERE!!

UH HUH

I JUST HOPE...

HWOOOOO

WE'RE HERE.

YUP.

AT LAST...

BBMP BBMP BBMP BBMP

PLEASE COME IN AND...

AAA AAA AAA

HI! CAN I HELP YOU ?

HI...

YOU'RE... MASON, RIGHT ?

LONG TIME NO SEE !

EDWARD ? IS THAT YOU ?

I'M HIS YOUNGER BROTHER ALPHONSE.

AND WHO'S YOUR FRIEND IN THE ARMOR?

PAT PAT PAT

AHA HA HA! YOU'VE GOTTEN SO BIG!

THIS IS REALLY PISSING ME OFF...

...YOU'VE REALLY GOTTEN BIG...

YOU CAME TO SEE IZUMI, RIGHT?

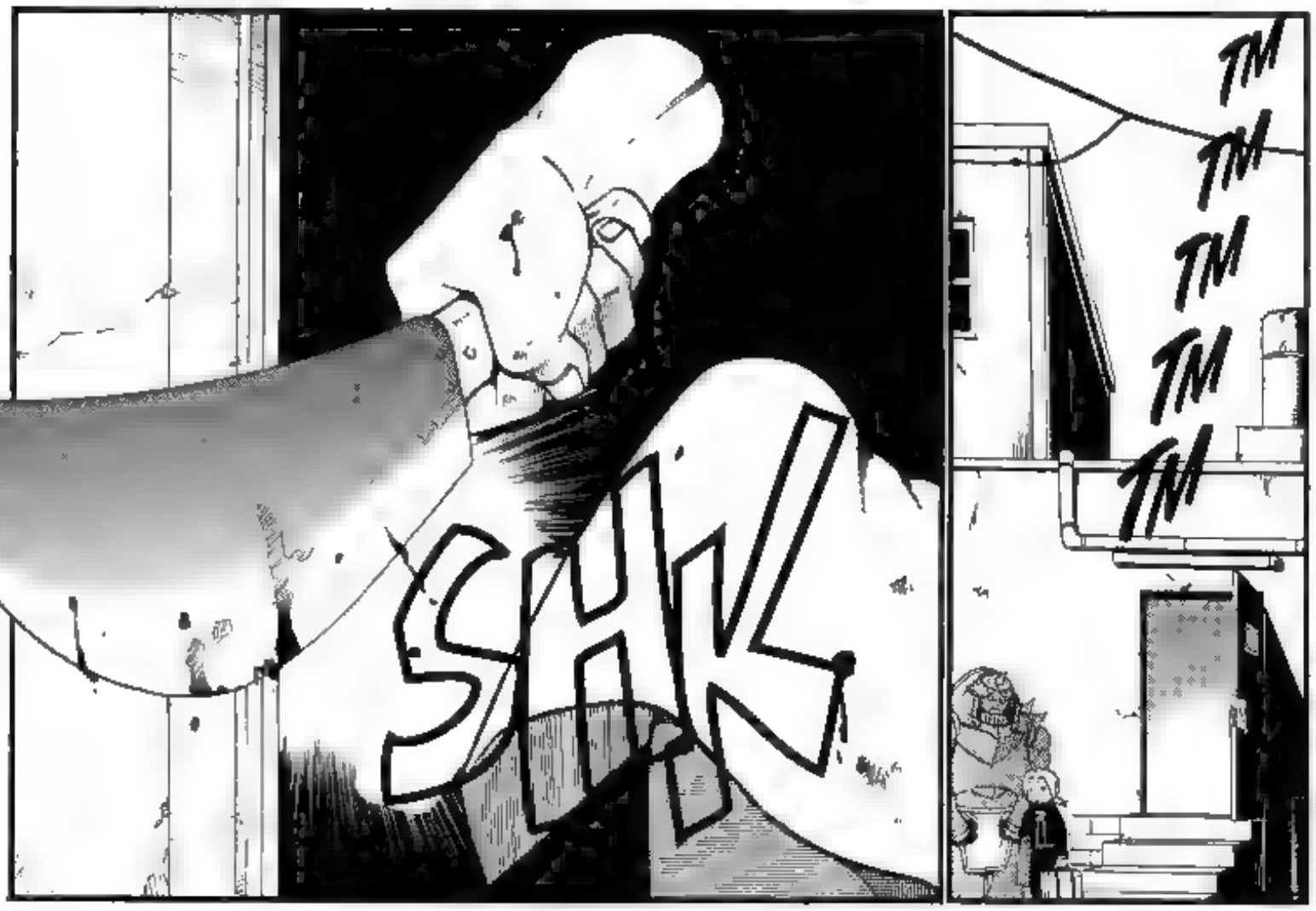
JUST WAIT A SEC. I'LL GO GET HER.

I WISH SHE WAS STILL AWAY ON THAT TRIP...

IZUMI JUST GOT BACK FROM A TRIP YESTERDAY.

PERFECT TIMING!

YOU HAVE SOME GUESTS WAITING OUT BACK.
GUESTS ?
HEY ! BOSS !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GRRR
CRACK

GRRR

WHEN I THINK BACK TO MY EARLIEST MEMORIES, THE FIRST THING I ALWAYS SEE IS THAT MAN.

I HAVE LITTLE OR NO MEMORY OF THAT MAN, WHO WAS AN ALCHEMIST, EVER DOING ANYTHING FOR ME AS A PARENT.

IT WASN'T LONG AFTER THAT THAT MOM BECAME ILL AND LEFT THIS WORLD.

THE DAY THAT MAN LEFT, I ASKED MY MOM WHAT HAPPENED, AND SHE SMILED SADLY AND SAID, "THERE'S NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT." EVEN THOUGH SHE KEPT HER FEELINGS HIDDEN, I KNOW THAT SHE CRIED WHEN SHE WAS ALONE.

Chapter 20:
The Terror of the Teacher

FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST

G-G.

G-G.

G.

G-G.

ED... RIGHT ?

G.G.

...

GLARE

BULGE

GLOMP

IT'S ME, AL-PHONSE. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

AND WHO'S THIS?

YOU'VE GOTTEN BIG.

NUZZLE NUZZLE

GOOD TO SEE YOU.

NOT IF YOU KEEP SQUISH-ING ME...!

SCRUFF SCRUFF

THERE WAS SOME THING WE WANTED TO ASK OUR TEACHER..

WHY THE SUDDEN VISIT?

THAT'S THE FIRST T ME I'VE GOTTEN A PAT ON THE HEAD SINCE I BECAME A SUIT OF ARMOR...

RUB RUB

I SEE...

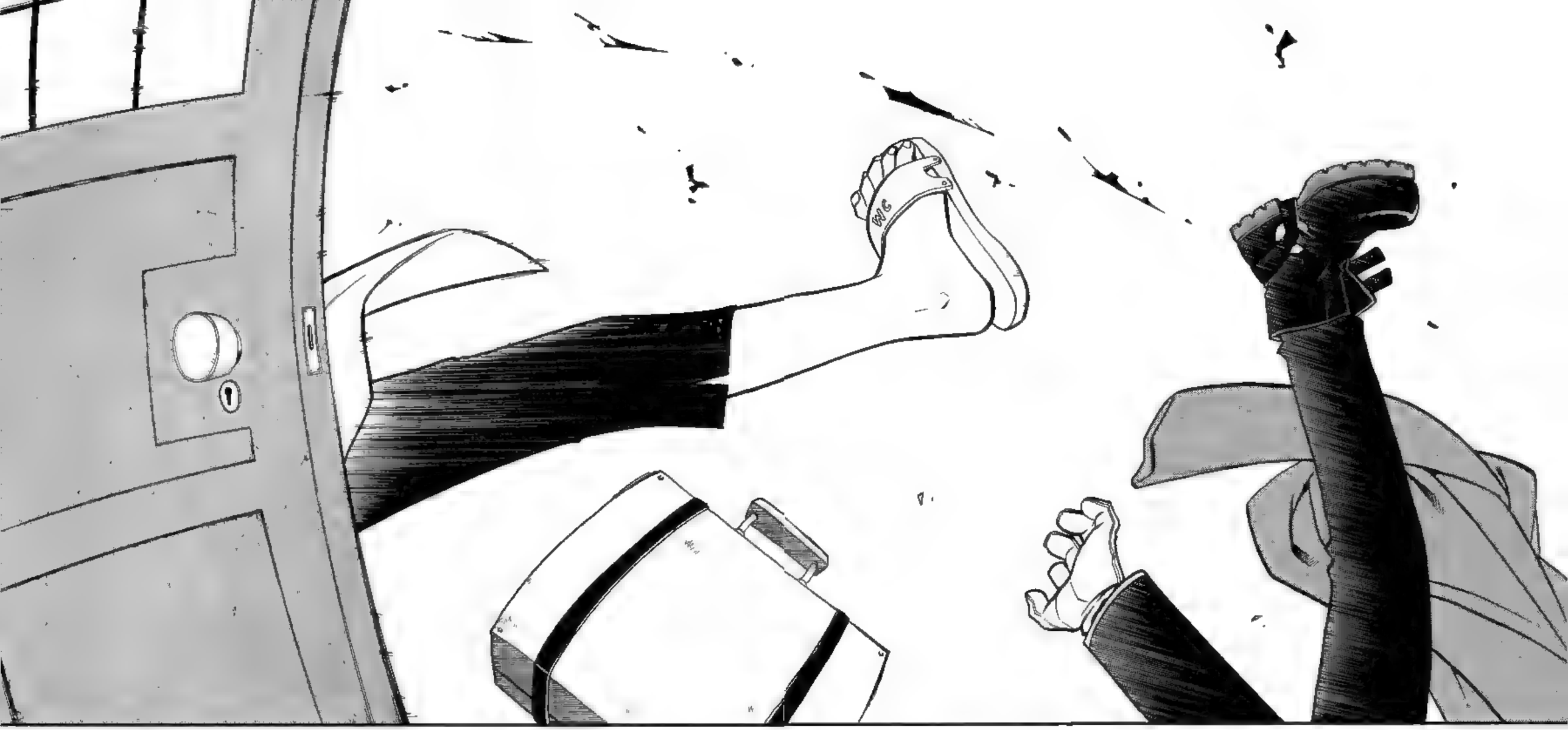
YOU'VE *REALLY* GOTTEN BIG.

YES, SIR !
MASON, WATCH THE STORE, WILL YOU?
OKAY, THEN. COME WITH ME.

HEY, IZUMI, THE ELRIC KIDS ARE HERE
NOT SO BAD, CONSIDERING HER CONDITION.
HOW'S OUR TEACHER DOING ?

TMP TMP TMP TMP
I WONDER IF SHE GOT SICK AGAIN ?
I GUESS TEACHER WAS SLEEPING BECAUSE SHE WASN'T FEELING WELL.

I THINK SO.
I FEEL A LITTLE BETTER TODAY.
CAN YOU GET UP ?
ED AND AL ?



SLAM

WELL, IF IT ISN'T MY FOOL OF AN APPRENTICE. I HEAR A LOT OF RUMORS ABOUT YOU TWO, EVEN OUT HERE IN DUBLITH.
CREAAAK...
OH NO OH NO
FSSS

GWAAAAH
SMASH
SKID

SO YOU'VE STOOPED SO LOW AS TO BECOME A *DOG OF THE MILITARY*, HAVE YOU?

WELL ?

AND WHO ARE YOU IN THE ARMOR ?

EEP !

TWITCH!

IT'S NO USE, IZUMI.

SAY SOME-THING !!

New Nessie

AL !

YOU'VE GOTTEN SO BIG !

IT...IT'S ME, ALPHONSE.

TEACHER, *UH... UM...*

SLAM

TEACHER, YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT..

ALL ?

TWIRL

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT !?

I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T FEELING WELL, TEACHER..

YOU'VE LET YOURSELVES GET *WEAK!*

YOU THINK AFTER YOU TWO CAME ALL THIS WAY, I'D JUST STAY IN BED...

I TOLD YOU NOT TO STRAIN YOUR-SELF.

HERE'S YOUR PILLS, DEAR.

UGH KOFF GLUB

SPURT

HONEY... !!

HUG

COME ON, DON'T TALK LIKE THAT.

KOFF KOFF

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITH-OUT YOU

SMACK

OW!

WAHAHA

UH HUH !

WEL-COME BACK !

UH... MAYBE WE SHOULD START OVER...

NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

KOFF

THE PHILOS-OPHER'S STONE ?

UH...WELL... JUST OUT OF INTEL-LECTUAL CURIOSITY !

WHY DO YOU WANT TO RESEARCH SOMETHING THAT'S JUST A LEGEND?

WE JUST THOUGHT THAT YOU MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT IT...

THE PHILOS-OPHER'S STONE, HUH.. ?

.....

I'VE NEVER HAD ANY INTEREST IN THE STONE.

OH YEAH, THAT GUY !

UH... I THINK..

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, ON OUR LAST TRIP TO CENTRAL WE MET AN ALCHEMIST WHO KNEW A LOT ABOUT THE STONE.

HE CALLED HIMSELF "*HOHENHEIM.*"

WAS HE TALL, WITH BLOND HAIR, GLASSES AND A BEARD?

WHAT WAS HE LIKE!?

...BUT HE WAS PRETTY GOOD LOOKING.

I COULDN'T TELL HOW OLD HE WAS...

OH, COME ON! YOU'RE *MUCH* BETTER LOOKING THAN HE WAS!

SLAP!

FUME

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

SO HE'S ALIVE...

!

THAT'S *PERFECT* THEN. HE MIGHT STILL BE IN CENT--

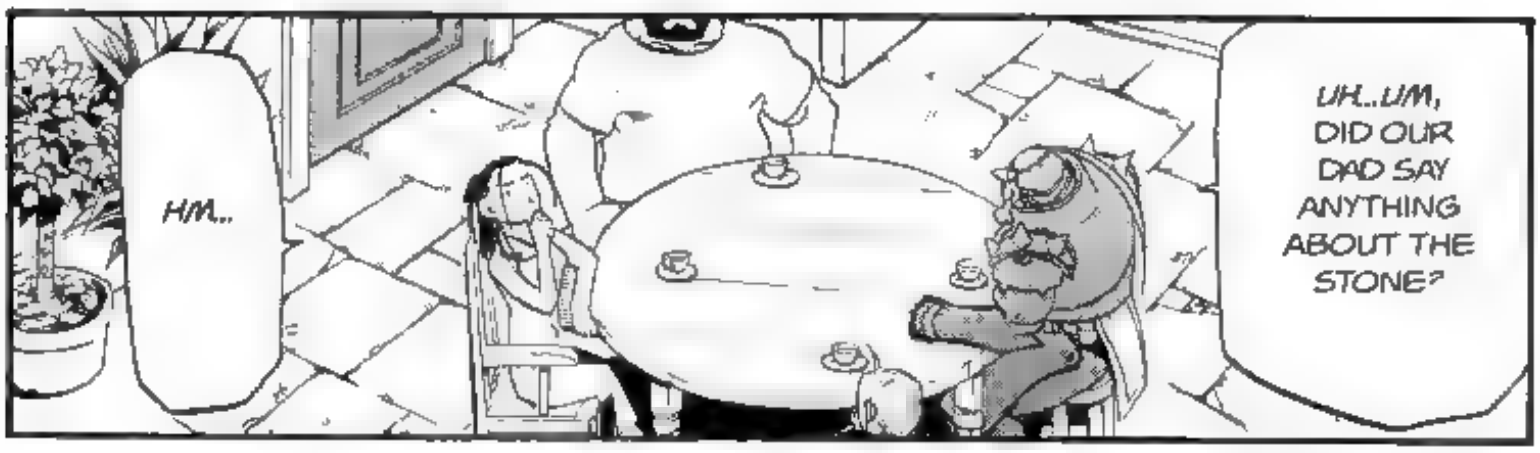
THE FATHER WHO LEFT YOU GUYS ALL THOSE YEARS AGO?

THAT GUY-!!

...HE'S...

...*OUR FATHER.*

THAT GUY IS THE *LAST* PERSON I WANT TO ASK FOR HELP!!


HM..
UH..UM, DID OUR DAD SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE STONE?

HE SEEMED PRETTY HAPPY ABOUT IT.
HE SAID THAT HIS LIFELONG DREAM WAS ABOUT TO COME TRUE...

GULP
CHOMP
HM...THERE ARE SOME REALLY BAD PEOPLE OUT THERE, HUH?
GULP

IF YOU'D KEPT THE DEEDS TO THE COAL MINES, YOU'D HAVE SOME FINANCIAL SECURITY WHEN YOU'RE OLD.

GULP

THAT WAS DUMB OF YOU.

SMAK

CHOP

...THAT I REPORTED THAT CREEP TO THE COLONEL AT EAST HQ.

SMAK

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN. I WAS SO MAD...

GULP

MUNCH

CHOMP

I WANT TO LIVE A PEACEFUL LIFE, BUT MY ***BROTHER,*** ON THE OTHER HAND...

CHOMP

GULP

DON'T DO ANYTHING ***TOO*** RISKY. AFTER ALL, YOU'RE STILL KIDS.

CHOMP CHOMP

AREN'T YOU GOING TO EAT, AL PHONSE?

I'M NOT HUNGRY.

WELL, ISN'T IT?

SMAK MUNCH

CHOMP

WHAT? ARE YOU SAYING IT'S ALL ***MY*** FAULT!?

OH, NO! IT'S NOT ALWAYS LIKE THAT.

SOUNDS LIKE YOU GUYS GET IN A LOT OF DANGER ON YOUR TRAVELS.

YEAH RIGHT! YOU CALL THAT *"HELPING OUT"*!?

THAT'S RIGHT, TEACHER! WE HELPED DELIVER A BABY!

IN RUSH VALLEY WE GOT TO SEE A BABY BEING BORN!

THAT'S HOW YOU GUYS WERE BORN, TOO.

THAT'S RIGHT.

AH HA HA! I GUESS IT'S LIKE THEY SAY... WHEN YOU'RE SCARED, YOU THINK THE DANGER'S WORSE.

FREAKING OUT IS MORE LIKE IT!

HUMANS ARE BORN WITH THE BLESSINGS OF EVERYONE AROUND THEM.

...AND THE MOTHER PUT HER LIFE ON THE LINE

BUT ANYWAY, EVERY-ONE PULLED TOGETH-ER...

BE PROUD OF YOUR OWN LIVES.

COME TO THINK OF IT...

WHY DON'T YOU HAVE ANY KIDS, YET, TEACHER ?

HEY ED !

I BET YOU GUYS' ALCHEMY SKILLS HAVE GOTTEN A LOT BETTER SINCE THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU, RIGHT?

WELL...

...UH...

SURE! WHENEVER YOU LIKE.

MAYBE YOU CAN SHOW ME HOW MUCH YOU'VE IMPROVED.

WE'VE EVEN BEEN ABLE TO DO LARGE-SCALE TRANSMUTATIONS!

HEY, AL! WHY DON'T WE GO OUTSIDE AND SHOW THEM WHAT WE CAN DO!?

WE DID RESEARCH EVERY DAY, EVEN WHEN WE RETURNED TO RESEMBOOL!

AND WE'VE BEEN TRAINING OUR BODIES, JUST LIKE YOU TOLD US TO, TEACHER!

C'MON, TEACHER! HURRY UP!

OKAY, OKAY, I'M COMING.

HUH ?

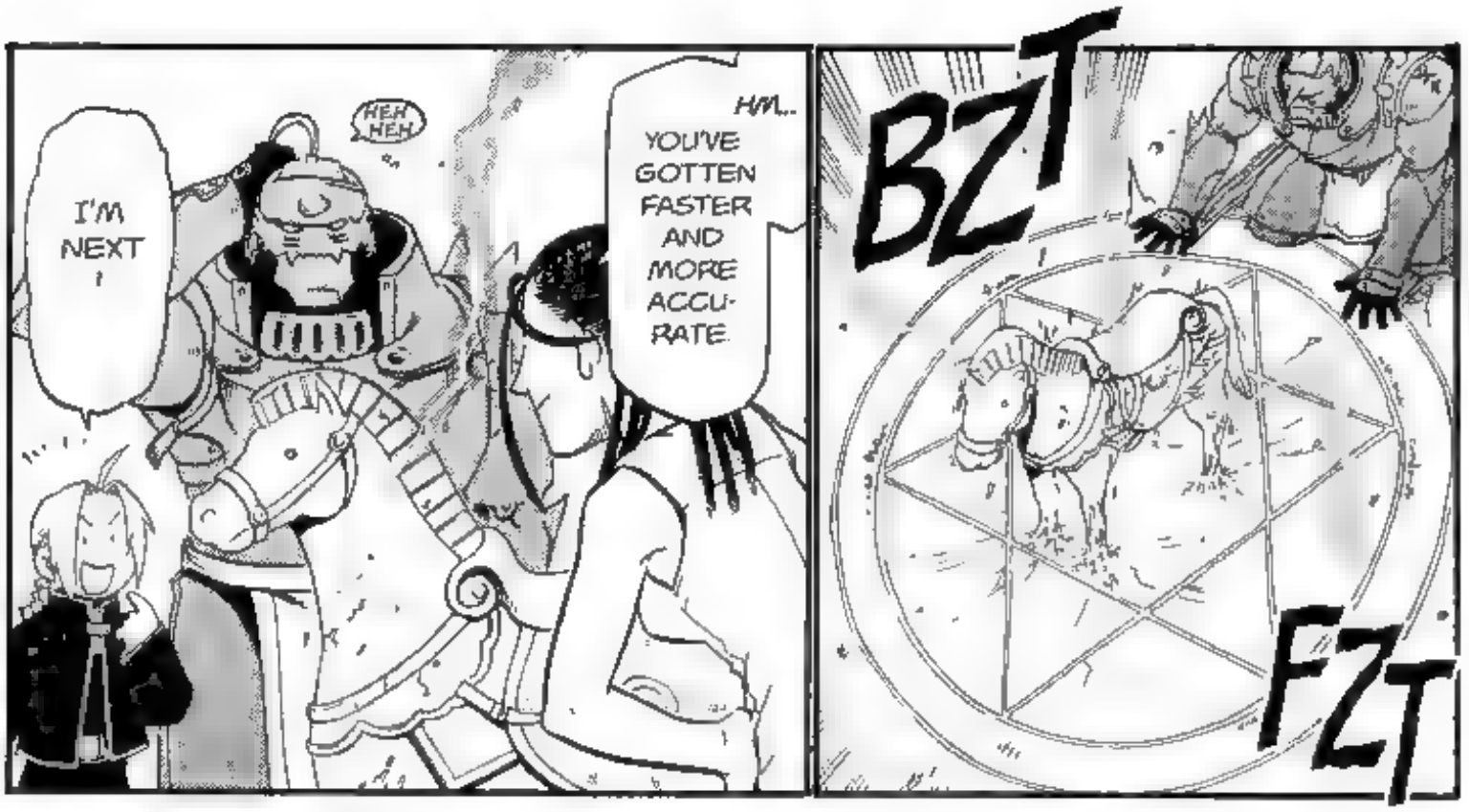
OH, I'M FINE. I'M FINE.

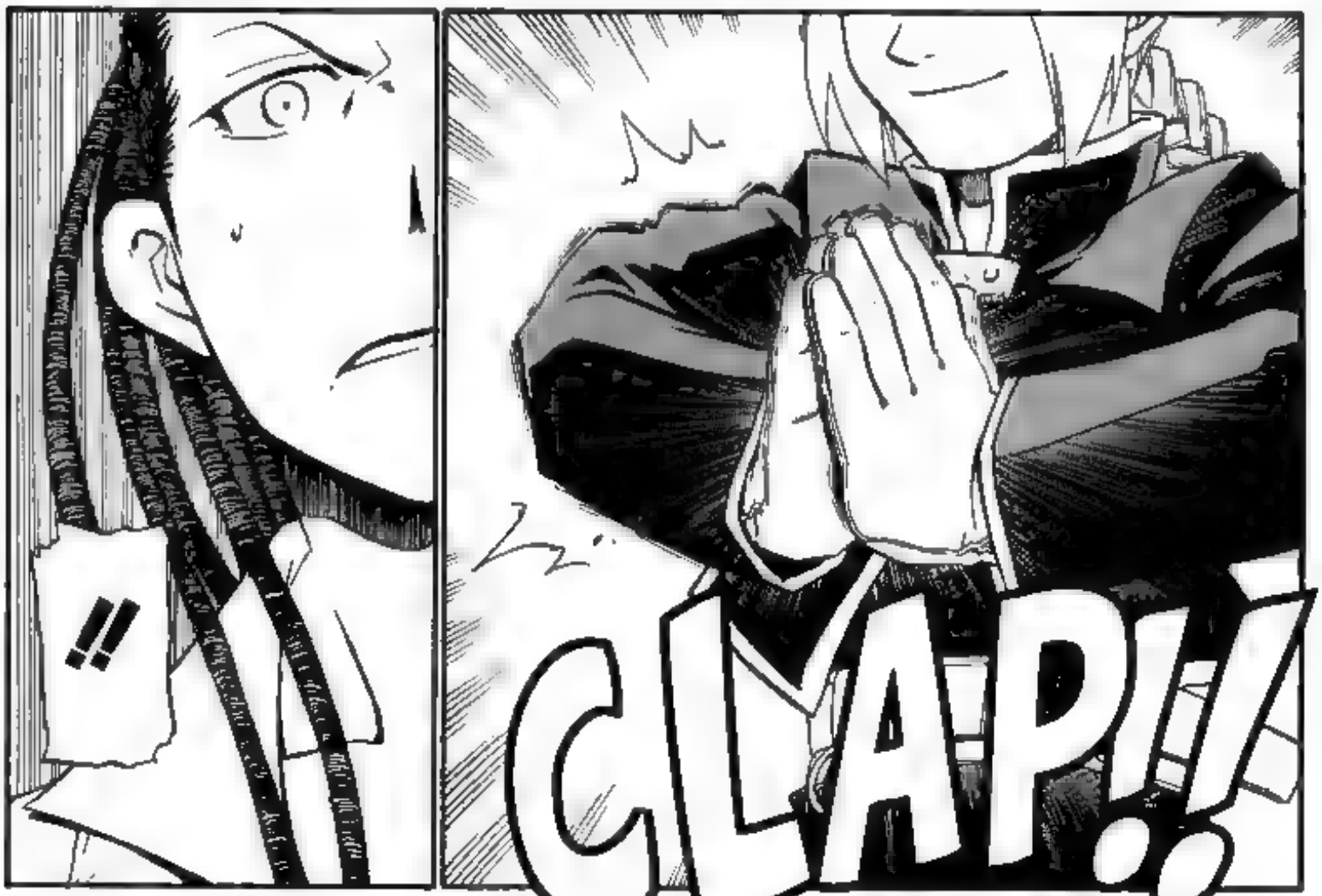
IZUMI...

SO, THEY SAW A LIFE BEING BORN.

THAT WAS A GOOD EXPERI-ENCE FOR THOSE KIDS.

SKRIGH


I'M NEXT!
HEH HEH
HM.. YOU'VE GOTTEN FASTER AND MORE ACCU-RATE.
BZT
FZT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CLAP!!

BASHOOM

WHAT!? DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MY HORSE?

YOU NEED TO WORK ON YOUR DETAIL, BIG BROTHER!

FSSH

TA DA

HUH? YES, I CAN...

YOU CAN WORK ALCHEMY WITHOUT A TRANSMUTATION CIRCLE?

IT'S GOT A LOT OF EXTRANEOUS DETAILS AND UNNECESSARY LINES...

WELL, YOURS IS TOO PLAIN!

?

DON'T LIE TO ME..

YES?

ED.

YOU'VE SEEN ***THAT THING,*** HAVEN'T YOU?

...WHA...

WHAT DO YOU...?

...YES, I DID.

YOU SAW IT, DIDN'T YOU?

I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT FROM A ***GENIUS*** WHO BECAME A STATE ALCHEMIST AT YOUR AGE.

I JUST SAW ***THAT THING***, THAT'S ALL.

I'M NO GENIUS.

MRS. CURTIS !

TEACHER... YOU MEAN ***YOU'VE...*** ?

?

?

MRS. CURTIS!

TIPTOE
TIPTOE
TIPTOE

MRS...

MY TRAIN BROKE. FIX IT FOR ME!

WHAT'S WRONG?

LET'S GO BACK TO THE SHOP, BOSS!

I CAN'T HELP IT THAT I WAS BORN WITH THIS SCARY FACE.

GLOOM

NO!

WHY NOT?

MY PAPA SAID, "MRS. CURTIS IS A GREAT ALCHEMIST!"

COME ON THEN. I HAVE SOME TOOLS IN THE HOUSE.

HUH? CAN'T YOU JUST FIX IT RIGHT AWAY WITH ALCHEMY?

TRY TO FIX WHATEVER YOU CAN WITH YOUR OWN HANDS.

YOU SHOULDN'T DEPEND ON ALCHEMY FOR EVERYTHING.

IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO FIX YOUR TOYS, THEN TAKE BETTER CARE OF THEM!

WELL, EXCUSE ME!

GYA HAHA

YOU'RE NOT A VERY GOOD FIXER, MRS. CURTIS.

HA HA

EWW, IT LOOKS SO UGLY.

HERE, GIVE ME THAT LOLLIPOP STICK SO I CAN USE IT AS THE WHEEL ROD.

QUIET DOWN SO I CAN WORK.

BUT IT'S WAY EASIER TO USE ALCHEMY!

BOO BOO BOO

THANK YOU, MRS. CURTIS...

HEH HEH.

MRS. CURTIS...

I SAID DON'T BREAK IT!!

WE'LL COME BACK AGAIN WHEN IT BREAKS!

CHIKO WON'T MOVE.

WHAT'S WRONG MENNY ? DID YOU BREAK SOME-THING TOO ?

PLEASE FIX HER...

I'M SORRY. SHE'S ALREADY DEAD.

I CAN'T.

MRS. IZUMI, PLEASE FIX CHIKO.

EVEN CHIKO...

BUT MRS. IZUMI, YOU CAN FIX *ANYTHING*, RIGHT?

IS SHE *BRO-KEN*?

NO, HONEY. SHE'S DEAD.

BUT CHIKO'S LIFE HAS STOPPED AND WILL NEVER RETURN.

CHIKO HAD A *LIFE*, JUST LIKE YOU DO.

A LIFE IS NOT AN OBJECT AND I'M NOT GOD.

MENNY.

UNTIL YESTER-DAY...

I MEAN..

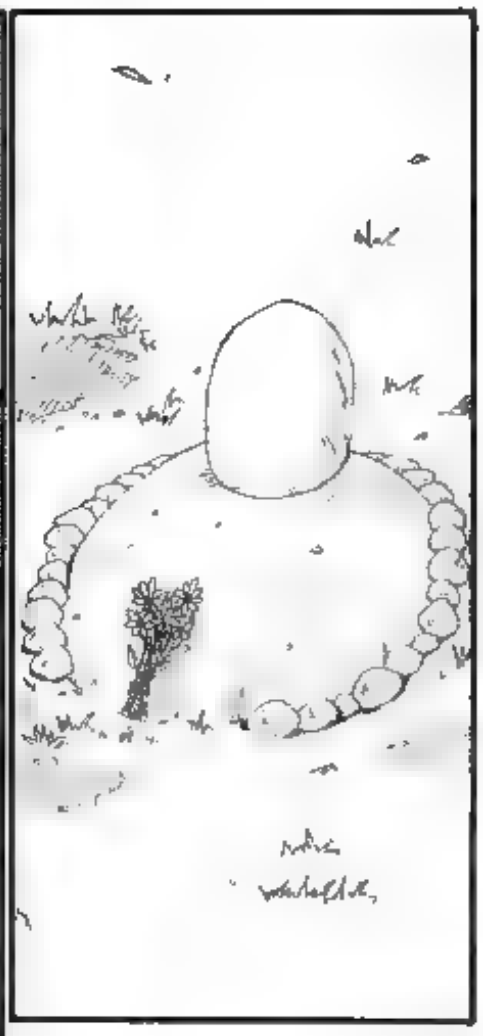
..I DON'T GET IT.

OKAY ?

...BUT I CAN MAKE HER A GRAVE.

I CAN'T GIVE CHIKO BACK HER LIFE...

ANYTHING THAT IS ALIVE WILL ONE DAY DIE AND ITS BODY WILL RETURN TO THE EARTH...WHICH IN TURN MAKES THE FLOWERS AND GRASS GROW.



..BUT IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN TO A CHILD.

I'VE COME TO ACCEPT THIS LONG AGO...

IN THE SAME WAY, OUR ***SOULS*** BECOMES NOURISHMENT FOR THE PEOPLE AROUND US, AND LIVE ON THROUGH THE MEMORIES OF THOSE WE LOVED.

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO BRING SOMEONE BACK TO LIFE?

TEACH-ER..

EVERY-THING IN THIS WORLD HAS A FLOW.

EVEN HUMAN LIVES.

YES.

ARE YOU EVER ***GLAD*** THAT YOU'RE A DOG OF THE MILITARY?

ED...

I

EVEN SO, YOU JOINED THE MILITARY BECAUSE YOU NEEDED THE POWER.. DIDN'T YOU?

I'M SCARED OF DOING THAT..

I DON'T KNOW WHEN THEY'LL COMMAND ME TO BECOME A ***HUMAN WEAPON.***

THERE IS SOMETHING THAT I HAVE TO DO.

..YOU'RE EMPTY, RIGHT?

AL, INSIDE THAT ARMOR..

B-BIG BROTHER..

YOU LITTLE BRAT! DON'T BE SO ARROGANT WHEN YOU KNOW YOU DISOBEYED MY TEACHINGS!

HOW..

HOW DID I KNOW?

I FELT IT EARLIER WHEN I THREW YOU! AND, ED, YOUR LEFT AND RIGHT FOOTSTEPS SOUND DIFFERENT!

!!

AND ED, YOU'RE USING *AUTO-MAIL* AREN'T YOU?

WHAT HAP-PENED TO YOU?
DID YOU THINK I WOULDN'T NOTICE,
DON'T INSULT ME LIKE THAT, YOU FOOLS.

TELL ME EVERY-THING.

GOOD-BYE.

TELL ME EVERY-THING.

WHAT HAP-PENED TO YOU?

...IN ISH-BAL

MOM AND DAD WERE KILLED...

.....

LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER.
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME, YOU'LL HAVE THAT MONEY TO LIVE ON.
...THAT YOUR FATHER LEFT US.
I NEVER TOUCHED THE MONEY...
AAGHH!
NOW YOU'RE OFFICIALLY A DOG OF THE MILITARY.
CONGRAT-ULATIONS.

Chapter 21: The Brothers' Secret

OH MY.

CHIRRR

CHIRRR

CHIRR

ED!

AL!

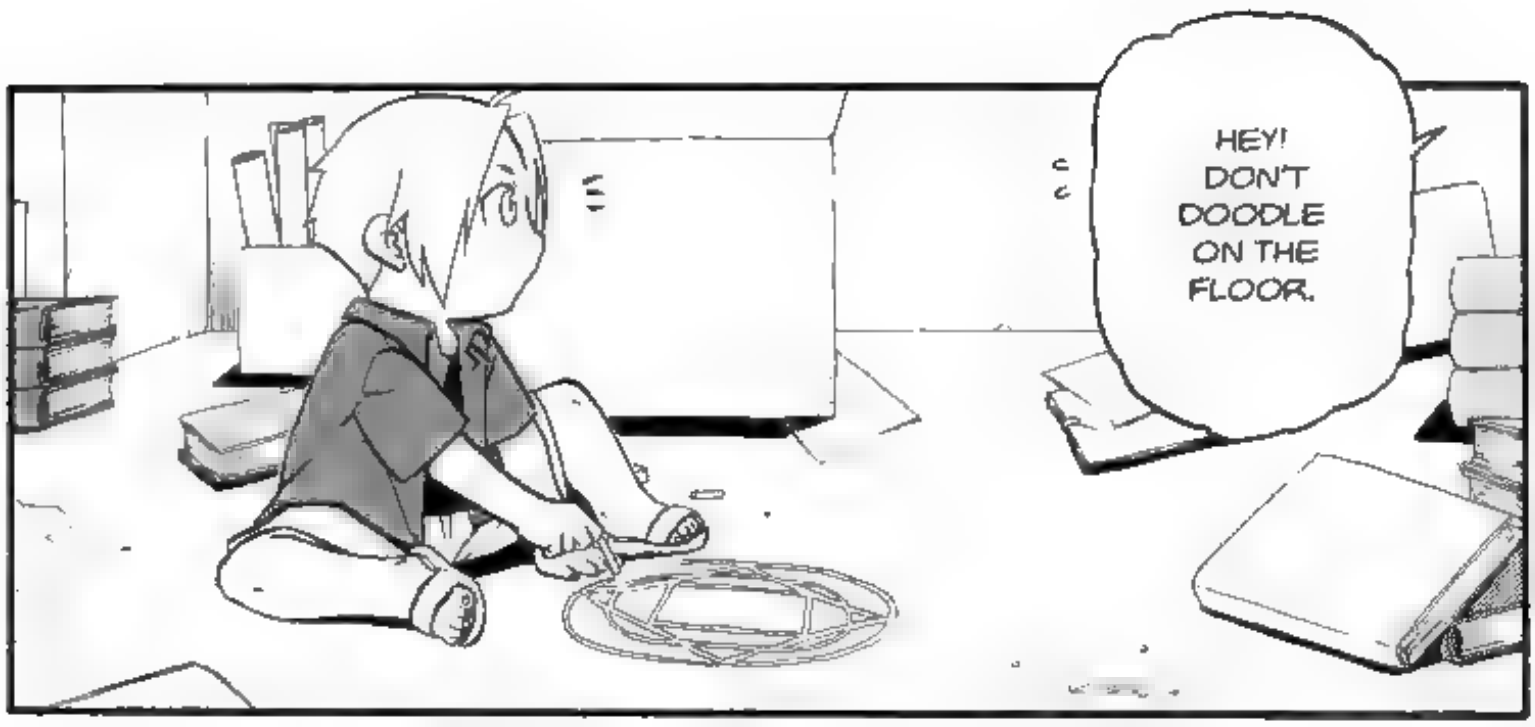
ED!

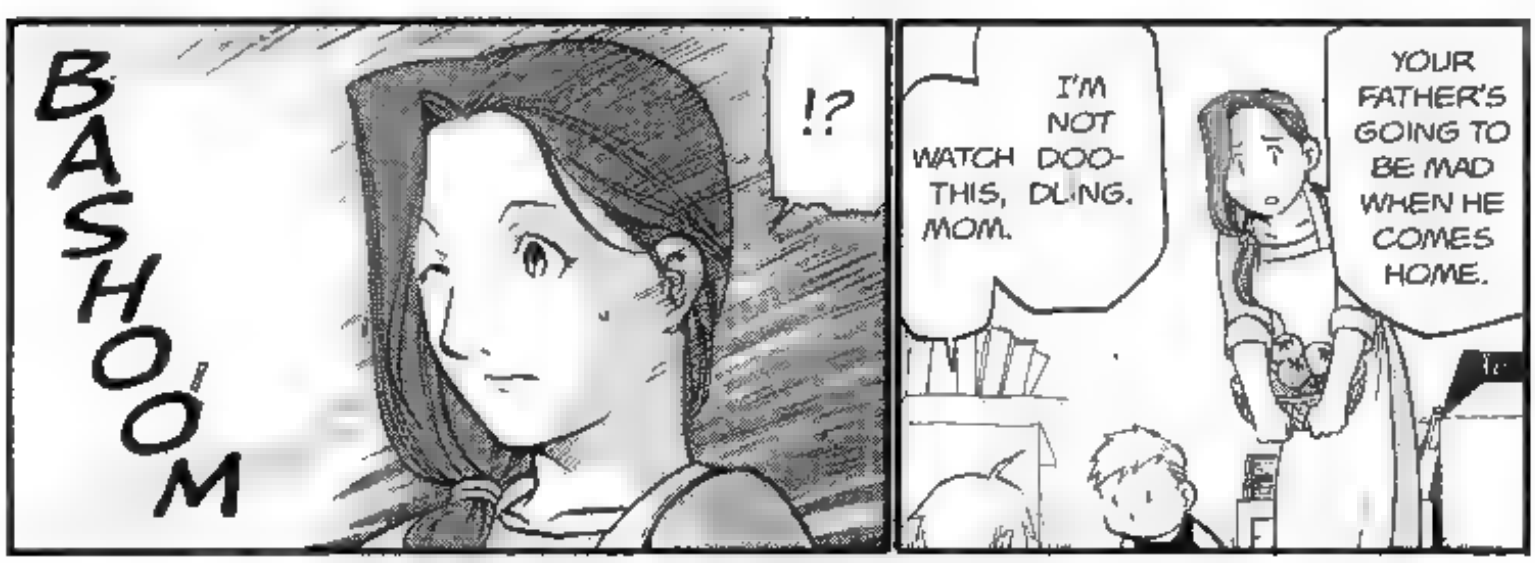
AL!

WHERE ARE YOU?

YOU BOYS MADE A MESS OF YOUR FATHER'S STUDY AGAIN.

YOU TWO REALLY LOVE TO READ, DON'T YOU?


HEY! DON'T DOODLE ON THE FLOOR.


BASHOOM
!?
WATCH THIS, MOM.
I'M NOT DOO-DLING.
YOUR FATHER'S GOING TO BE MAD WHEN HE COMES HOME.

DID YOUR FATHER TEACH YOU THAT?
TH-THAT'S ALCHEMY, ISN'T IT?
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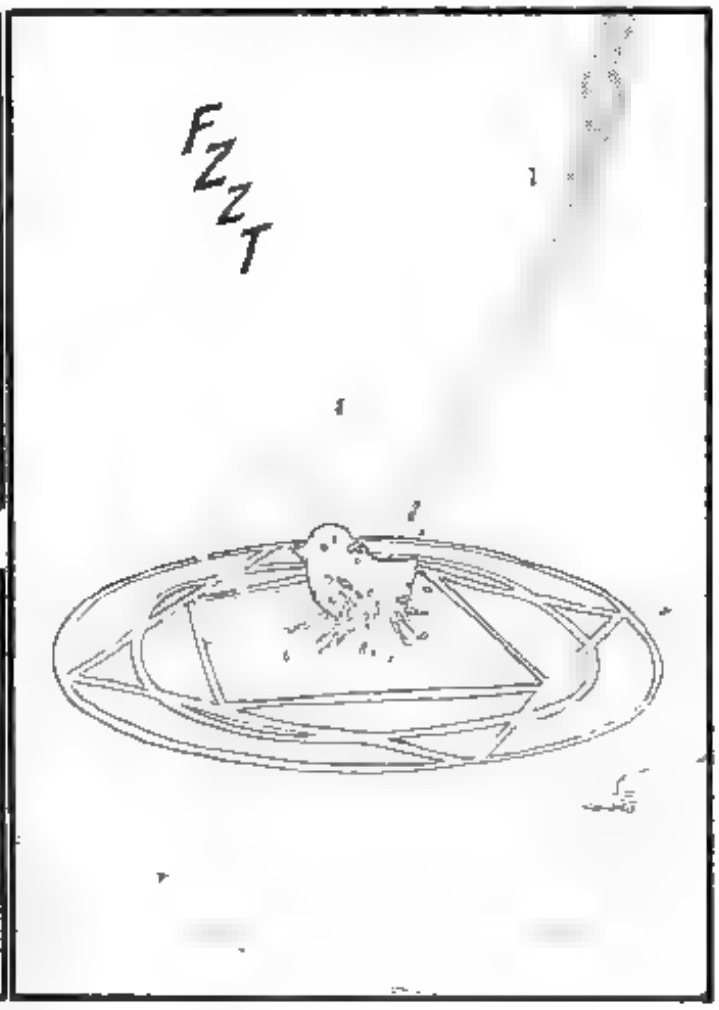

FZZT

WE LEARNED HOW FROM A BOOK.
HOW CAN SOMEONE WHO'S NEVER EVEN HOME TEACH US ANYTHING !?

KIND OF.

FROM A BOOK...?

CAN YOU *UNDER-STAND* THIS STUFF...?

IF THE ALCHEMISTS OF THE WORLD HEARD ABOUT THIS, THEY WOULD PROBABLY FAINT...

...

NOT AT ALL! I'M REALLY IMPRESSED!

DID WE DO SOME-THING BAD?

WHY DID WE DO IT? SIM-PLE...

I'M GOING TO BRAG ABOUT THIS TO EVERY-ONE.

YOU BOYS MUST TAKE AFTER YOUR FATHER.

MOM GAVE US PRAISE.

THAT WAS ALL IT TOOK FOR US TO DIVE HEADLONG INTO STUDYING ALCHEMY.

MILK

HEY, MOM!

LOOK AT THIS, MOM!

MOM!

MOM !!!!

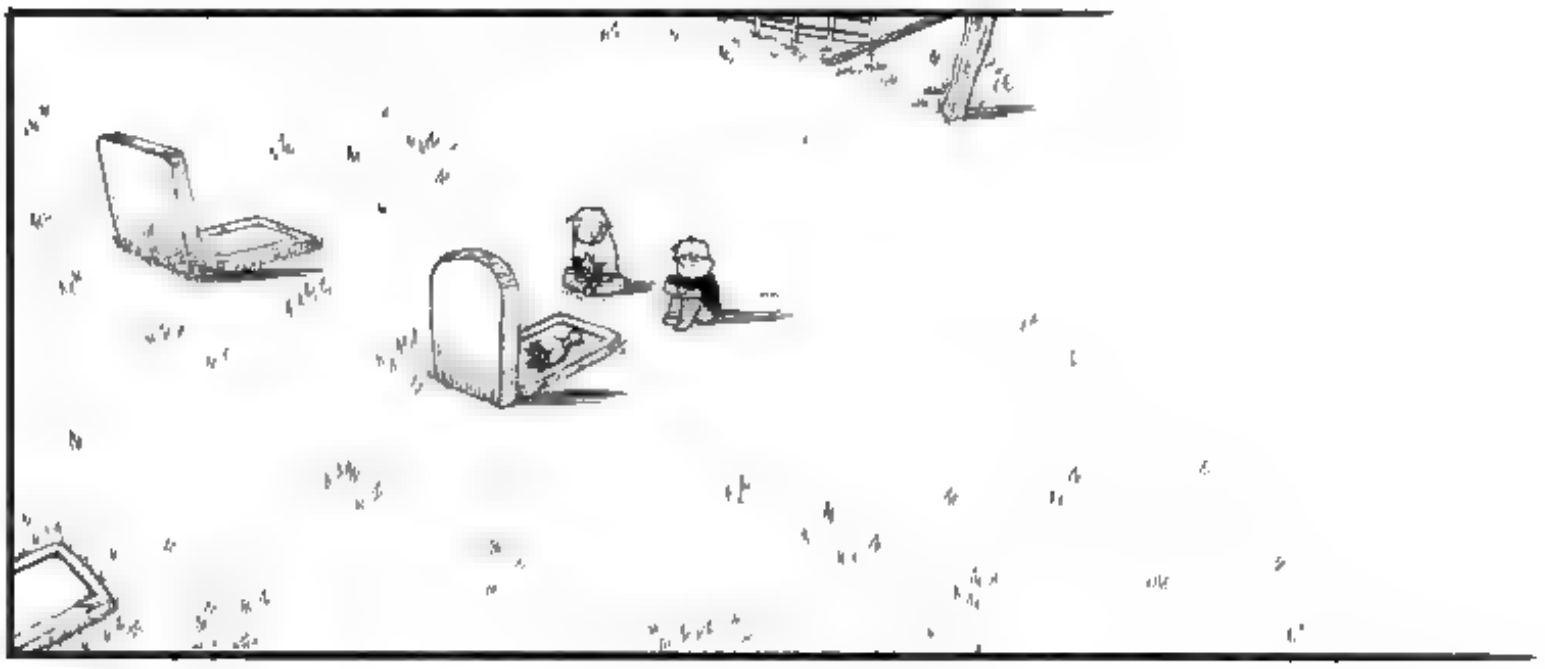
THEY SAY THE SICKNESS HAS BEEN GOING AROUND.

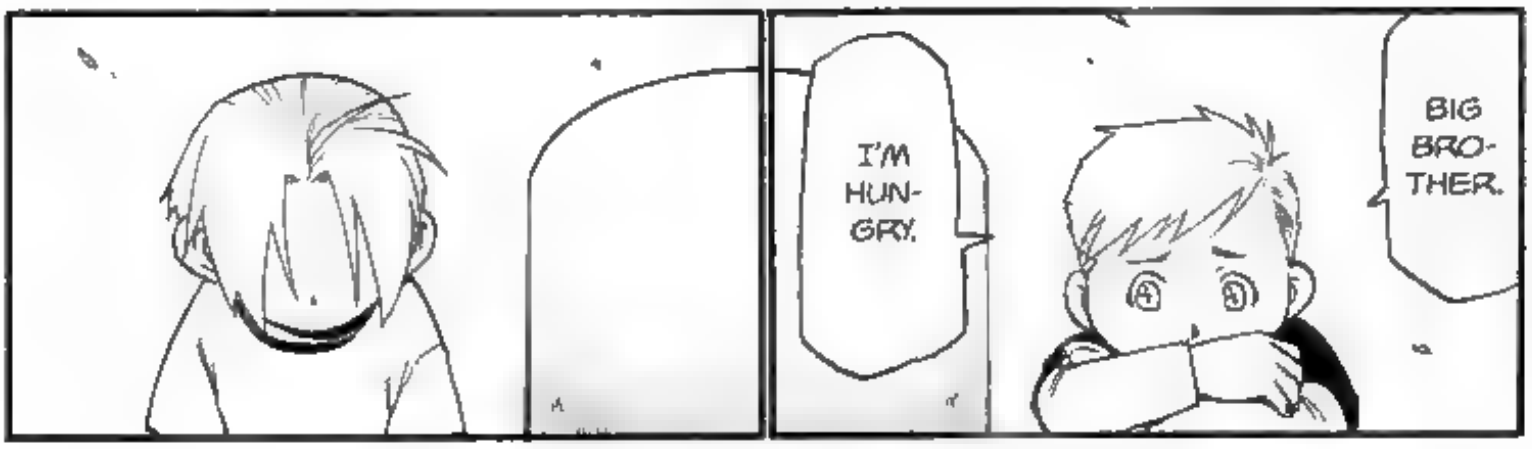
HOW SAD... SHE LEFT BEHIND TWO CHILDREN.

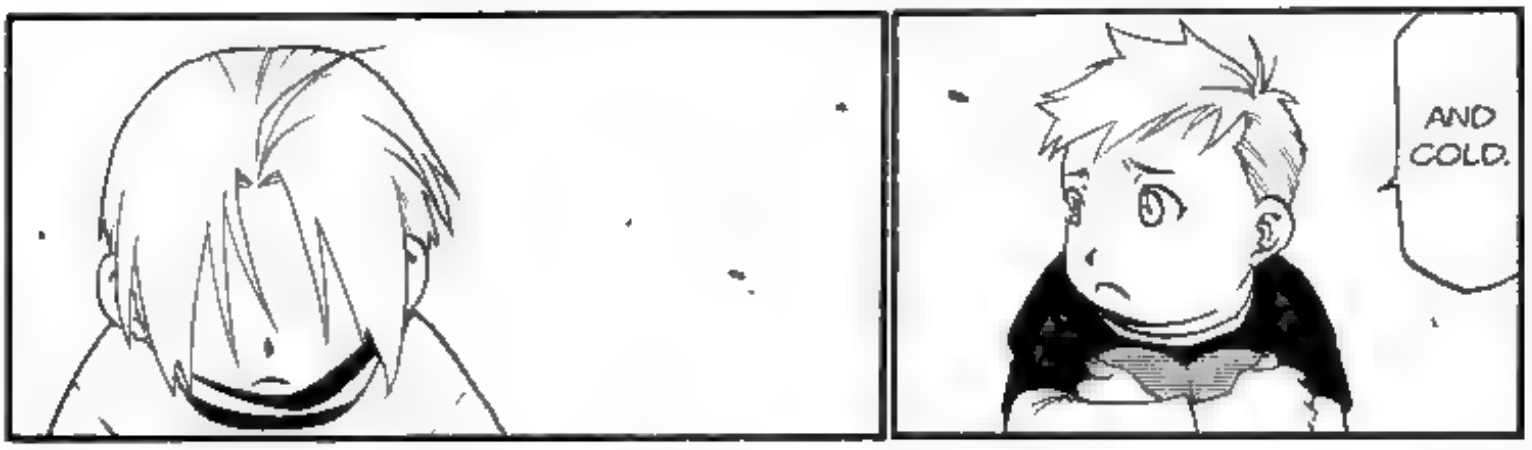
BUT WHAT ABOUT HER HUSBAND ?

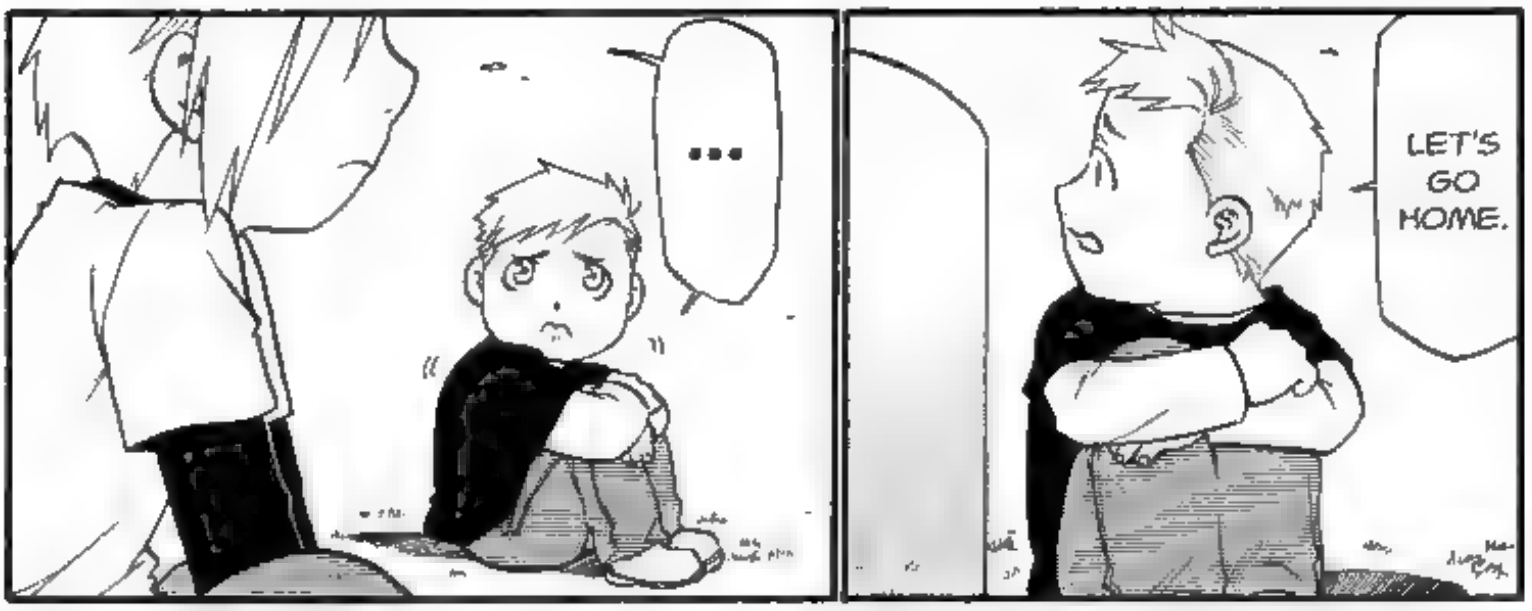
I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS. WE HAVE NO WAY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM.

POOR KIDS.




I'M HUN-GRY.
BIG BRO-THER.


AND COLD.


...
LET'S GO HOME.

UH HUH. I READ THAT, TOO.

IT ALSO SAID THAT HUMAN BEINGS ARE MADE UP OF THE MIND, THE SOUL AND THE PHYSICAL BODY.

IN ONE OF THE ALCHEMY BOOKS I READ, THEY SAY YOU CAN MAKE PEOPLE WITH ALCHEMY. THEY CALL IT A ***HOMUNCULUS.***

...IT'LL BE ***OUR SECRET.***

THAT'S WHY..

WE DIDN'T THINK THAT CREATING A LIFE WAS WRONG.

WE JUST WANTED TO SEE OUR MOM'S SMILE AGAIN.

IF THAT'S TRUE, I WONDER IF WE CAN BRING MOM BACK.

BUT IT SAID THAT IT'S ***FOR-BIDDEN*** TO CREATE A HUMAN BEING USING ALCHEMY!

YEAH.

CELLS 66%... NON-CELLULAR FLUIDS 24%...

AND... NON-CELLULAR SOLIDS MAKE UP 10%, RIGHT?

IT'S DEFINITELY BETTER TO FIGURE OUT THE BODY'S PHYSICAL PROTEIN STRUCTURE AND THEN GO FROM THERE.

Huh?

I THINK IT WOULD BE FASTER TO USE THE BODY'S COMPOSITIONAL INGREDIENTS. YOU KNOW, ACTUAL MEAT.

ECW 26%. ICW 34%. FATS 19%. AND PROTEIN IS... UM...*

*ECW=EXTRACELLULAR WATER ICW=INTRACELLULAR WATER

BUT IT'S SO ***BORING.*** ♡

YOU KNOW THAT WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF ***MATH CLASS,*** RIGHT? ♡

EDWARD AND AL-PHONSE...

TEACHER! WINRY'S ***SLEEPING*** AGAIN!

ELRIC GUARD!!

FURIOUS CHALK DANCE!!

DONG

DING

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, WINRY.

IT'S A SE-CRET!

WHAT'VE YOU GUYS BEEN STUDYING SO HARD LATELY?

HEH HEH. SEE YA.

NO FAIR! YOU GUYS ARE ALWAYS KEEPING SECRETS!

kwpk

OKAY! SEE YOU LATER.

YAY!

BY THE WAY, WE'RE HAVING STEW TONIGHT.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

IT HAS MILK IN IT AND IT STILL TASTES THAT GOOD!

WHOEVER INVENTED STEW WAS *BRILLIANT*!

WHY IS HUMAN TRANS-MUTATION OUT-LAWED, ANYWAY?

...I WONDER WHAT WE'RE MISSING IN HUMAN TRANSMU-TATION FORMULA?

I GUESS SO.

IT'S JUST LIKE SCIENCE. PEOPLE HAVE TO TRY NEW THINGS OR THERE'S NEVER ANY PROGRESS.

I MEAN, *SOMEONE* HAD TO HAVE COME UP WITH THE IDEA OF MIXING MILK INTO VEGETABLE SOUP.

YOU MEAN THE STORY ABOUT THE PHILOSOPHER IN THE EASTERN DESERT?

REMEMBER HOW AN ENTIRE COUNTRY WAS DESTROYED IN ONE NIGHT...?

MAYBE 'CUZ IT'S ***SO DANGEROUS*** THAT NO ONE CAN DO IT AND LIVE!

AW, THAT'S JUST A ***FAIRYTALE.***

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT ALCHEMIST WHO WAS PERFORMING A TRANSMUTATION WHEN A ***FLY*** FLEW INTO THE CIRCLE AND THE GUY BECAME A ***FLY-MAN!***

HE WAS TRYING TO CREATE A PERFECT HUMAN BEING AND INSTEAD HE WIPED OUT EVERYONE AROUND HIM.

UH HUH.

YOU, DUMMY! THAT'S FROM THE ***MOVIE*** THAT WE SAW THE OTHER DAY.

THINK ABOUT HOW HAPPY EVERYONE WOULD BE IF A DEAD PERSON CAME BACK TO LIFE.

I BET THE ADULTS MADE IT FORBIDDEN JUST TO COVER UP THE FACT THAT THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT

IF YOU AND I COULD LIVE WITH MOM AGAIN, SHE WOULD BE HAPPY ABOUT IT, TOO.

...IF *DAD* WAS AROUND, I WONDER IF *HE* WOULD HAVE TAUGHT US ALCHEMY?

BUT, BROTHER.. I STILL DON'T THINK WE KNOW ENOUGH TO DO THIS OURSELVES.

HE WAS THE ONE WHO MADE HER *SUFFER*, AND WHEN SHE DIED, HE DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO COME TO HER FUNERAL!

MOM HAD A HARD TIME RAISING US ON HER OWN, THAT'S WHY SHE GOT SICK!

HE LEFT US AND MADE MOM CRY! DON'T TALK ABOUT HIM!

STILL... BEING SELF-TAUGHT CAN ONLY TAKE US SO FAR.

SHAAA A
...YEAH.
SHAAAA

SHAOOOSHH

WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME. JUST DUMP THE WHOLE CART!

HURRY UP WITH THOSE SAND-BAGS!

SHOOOO...

IN ALL MY 60 YEARS I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A HEAVY RAIN-STORM.

CRIMINY!

SPLASH

VOOSH

EVACUATE TO HIGHER GROUND!

THE WHOLE RIVER-BANK IS ABOUT TO FLOOD!

DAMN IT...

WE SHOULD EVAC-UATE!

IT'S NO USE! THE WATER IS SPILLING OVER THE FLOOD WALL DOWN THERE, TOO!

O.. OKAY.

C'MON ED!

HURRY UP AND GET TO SAFETY!!

WHAT ARE YOU KIDS DOING HERE!?

SHAOOOSHH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING !?
HEY, YOU... !!
SPLISH SPLISH

BAM
BA

COME APART
SHOOM

THIS WALL IS ABOUT TO–
THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU !!
YOU SHOULD GET BACK. IT ISN'T SAFE HERE.
CLAP

THOOM

SHOOM

THAT SHOULD HOLD FOR A WHILE.

MMM

OH, AND I'M SORRY I HAD TO MAKE THAT HUGE TRENCH.

G... GOT IT!

BUT YOU SHOULD KEEP REINFORCING IT WITH SANDBAGS, JUST IN CASE.

JUST A HOUSE-WIFE WHO WAS PASSING BY.

GRIN

WHO ARE YOU?

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... SHE MADE THIS HUGE THING IN A SPLIT SECOND...

A DOCTOR! WE NEED A DOCTOR!!

S... SOMEONE BRING A STRETCHER!!

BLAGH

IF IT WEREN'T FOR THIS RAINSTORM, WE'D BE ON OUR WAY HOME ALREADY. I'M JUST GLAD I WAS ABLE TO HELP.

WE JUST HAPPENED TO BE VISITING THE EAST AREA ON VACATION.

IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, THE WHOLE TOWN COULD HAVE BEEN FLOODED.

IN THE EAST AREA, RECORD RAINS HAVE FINALLY

LCOM

LCOM

THIS IS MY HUS-BAND SIG.

NO, I'M JUST A PLAIN OLD BUTCHER'S WIFE. MY NAME IS IZUMI CURTIS.

SURE WAS! YOU MUST BE ONE OF THOSE ***STATE AL-CHEMISTS***, RIGHT?

THAT WAS SOME AMAZING ALCHEMY!

YEAH!

AL! YOU WAN-NA...?

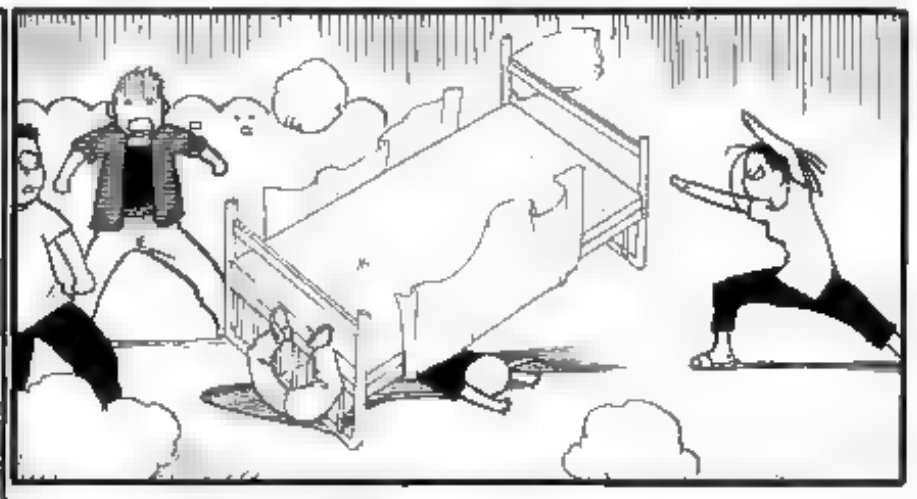
SO, YOU'RE FROM DUBLITH?

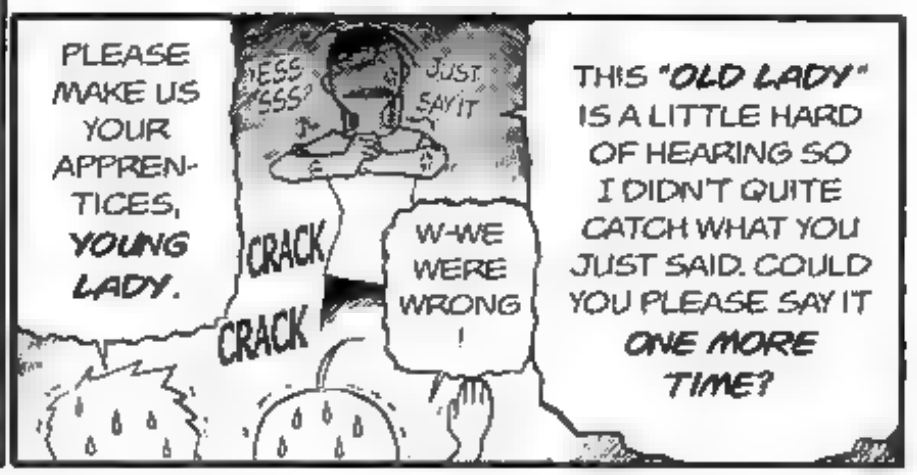
YOUR HUS-BAND SURE IS BIG!

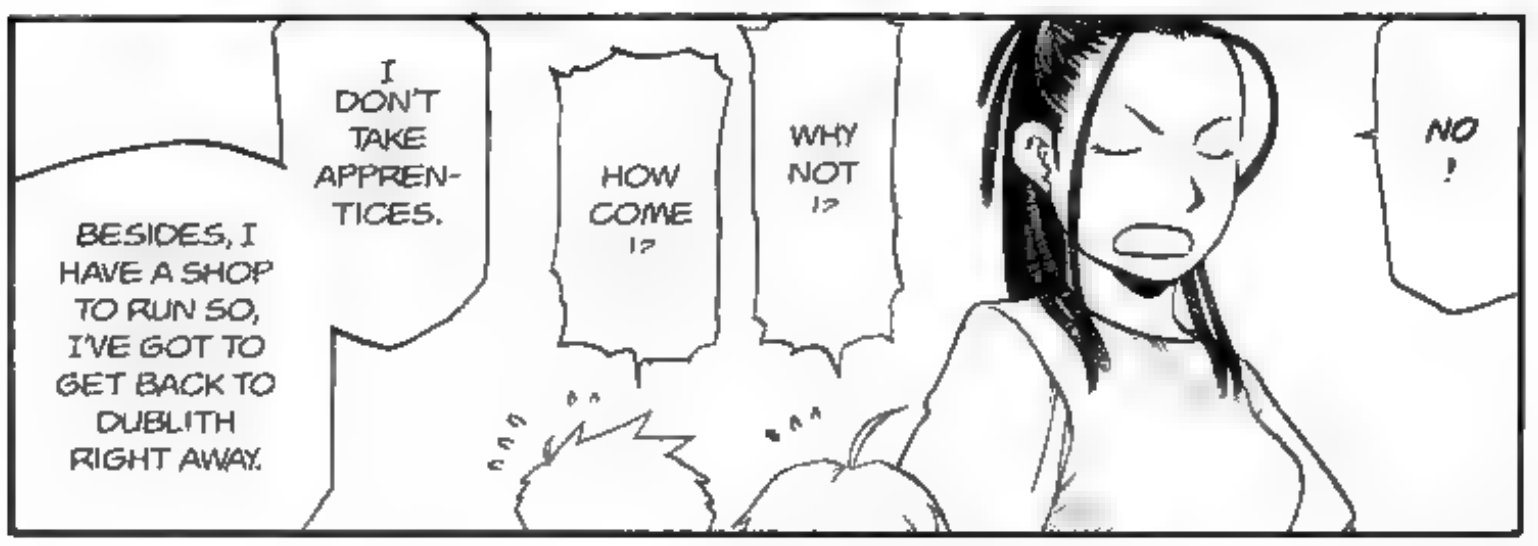
YOU MUST BE BORED BY OUR HUMBLE TOWN.

OLD LADY! MAKE US YOUR APPREN-TICES!

WE CAN ALREADY DO A LITTLE BIT OF ALCHEMY, BUT -
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU KIDS UP TO...?
WE REALLY WANT TO GET BETTER AT IT! PLEASE!




PLEASE MAKE US YOUR APPREN-TICES, YOUNG LADY.
CRACK
CRACK
W-WE WERE WRONG!
JUST SAY IT
THIS "OLD LADY" IS A LITTLE HARD OF HEARING SO I DIDN'T QUITE CATCH WHAT YOU JUST SAID. COULD YOU PLEASE SAY IT ONE MORE TIME?


BESIDES, I HAVE A SHOP TO RUN SO, I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO DUBLITH RIGHT AWAY.
I DON'T TAKE APPREN-TICES.
HOW COME!?
WHY NOT!?
NO!

STUBBORN BRATS!!

MAKE US YOUR APPREN-TICES!!

FWAP FWAP

TAKE US WITH YOU !!

WE WANT TO HELP PEOPLE!!

UH...

WHA!?

WHY ARE YOU SO EAGER TO GET SO GOOD AT ALCHEMY, ANYWAY?

DID YOUR PARENTS AGREE TO THIS?

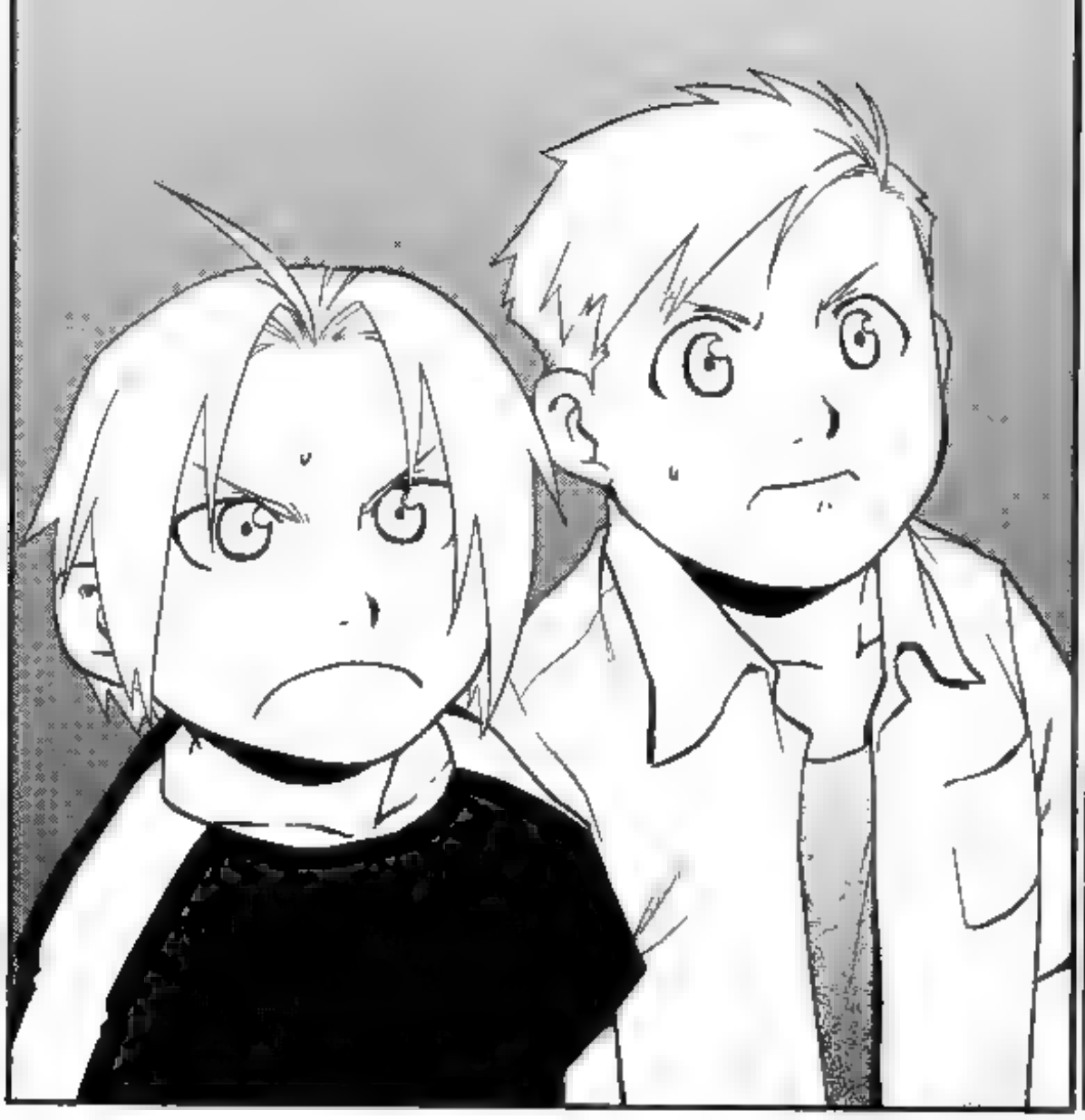
...

OH...

THESE BOYS DON'T HAVE ANY PARENTS.

EXCUSE ME, IZUMI, MA'AM.

RIGHT NOW I'M THESE BOYS' GUARDIAN.



I'M TOO SOFT.
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.....

IF THIS IS REALLY WHAT YOU WANT, LET ME EVALUATE THESE BOYS FOR ONE MONTH OF TRIAL TRAINING.

ONE MONTH!

AND IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE NECES-SARY TALENT ?

I'LL SEND THEM BACK HERE IMMEDI-ATELY.

..BEFORE I TAKE THEM UNDER MY WING.

I NEED TO KNOW THAT THEY'RE WORTH MY TIME...

THEN FROM THAT POINT, YOU'LL BEGIN..

..YOUR ***REAL*** TRAIN-ING.

UM..AND IF WE PASS OUR EVALUATION... ?

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY.

GRANNY !!

WE WON'T BE BACK IN A MONTH !

CHOOO

YOU BOYS, TAKE CARE OF YOUR-SELVES.

KLATA KLATA KLATA

WE'RE GONNA TRAIN !

WE'RE GONNA TRAIN !

OH, BE QUIET.

I WONDER IF WE'LL GET TO READ A LOT OF BOOKS WE'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN BEFORE!

I BET SHE'S GOT A HUGE LABORATORY WHERE SHE STUDIES!

THWACK

SHUT UP.

AGG GH !

WE'RE GONNA TRAIN !

WE'RE GONNA TRAIN !

ARE WE ALMOST TO DUBLITH YET!?

ZZZZZ

KLATA KLATA KLATA

I STARTED THINKING, IF MINE WERE ALIVE HE WOULD HAVE BEEN AROUND THEIR AGE...

WELL...

I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T TAKE APPREN-TICES?

PLUS, I COULD SEE IN THEIR EYES THAT THEY WERE SERIOUS ABOUT WANTING TO LEARN ALCHEMY.

KLATA

KLATA

IF THEY'RE TRYING TO TAKE THE WRONG PATH, ISN'T IT MY JOB AS THEIR "TEACHER" TO PUT THEM ON THE CORRECT ONE?

AND BEHIND THAT DESIRE, I CAN SENSE THAT THEY'VE GOT SOME OTHER REASON...SOME-THING THEY CAN'T TELL ANYONE.

HUH ?

THEY DON'T NEED A PLACE TO SLEEP, YET!

IT'S GONNA GET CROWD-ED IN OUR HOUSE.

YOU REALIZE THAT WHEN WE GET HOME, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND THESE BRATS SOME-PLACE TO SLEEP.

I'M GOING TO NEED TO BORROW A PHONE AT THE NEXT STOP.

I'VE GOT THE PERFECT PLAN.

HEH HEH HEH.

GLARE

OH MAN...

THE SOUTH AREA SURE IS HOT, HUH, ED...?

DUBLITH

DUBLITH!

NOW ARRIVING AT DUBLITH!

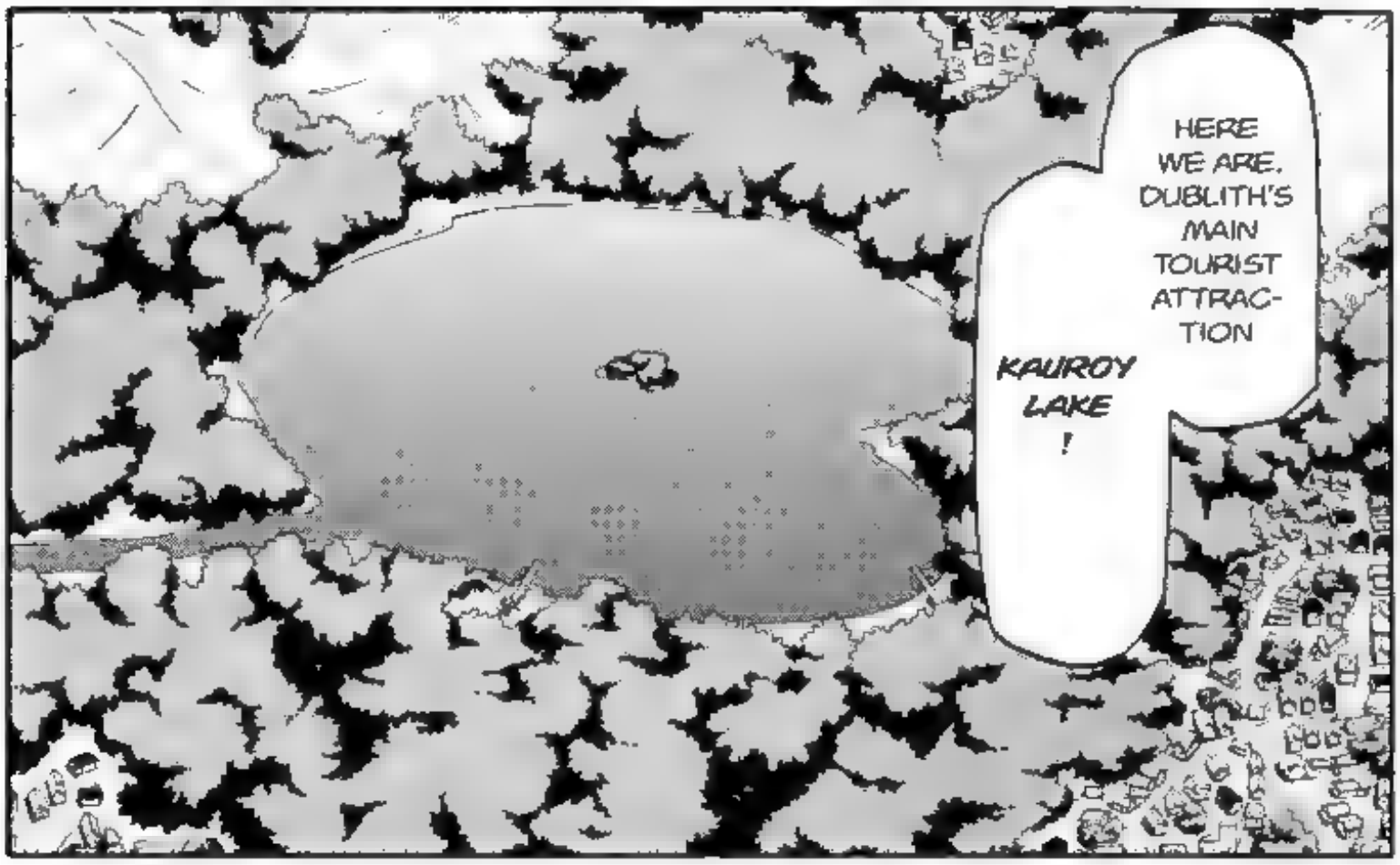
REALLY!?

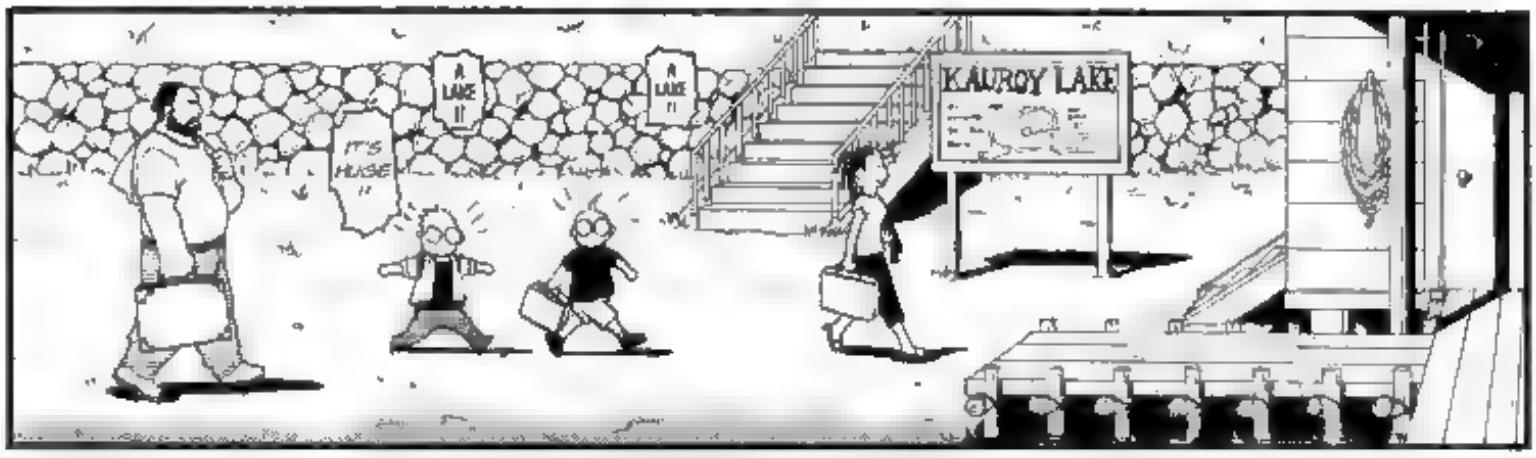
CAN WE!?

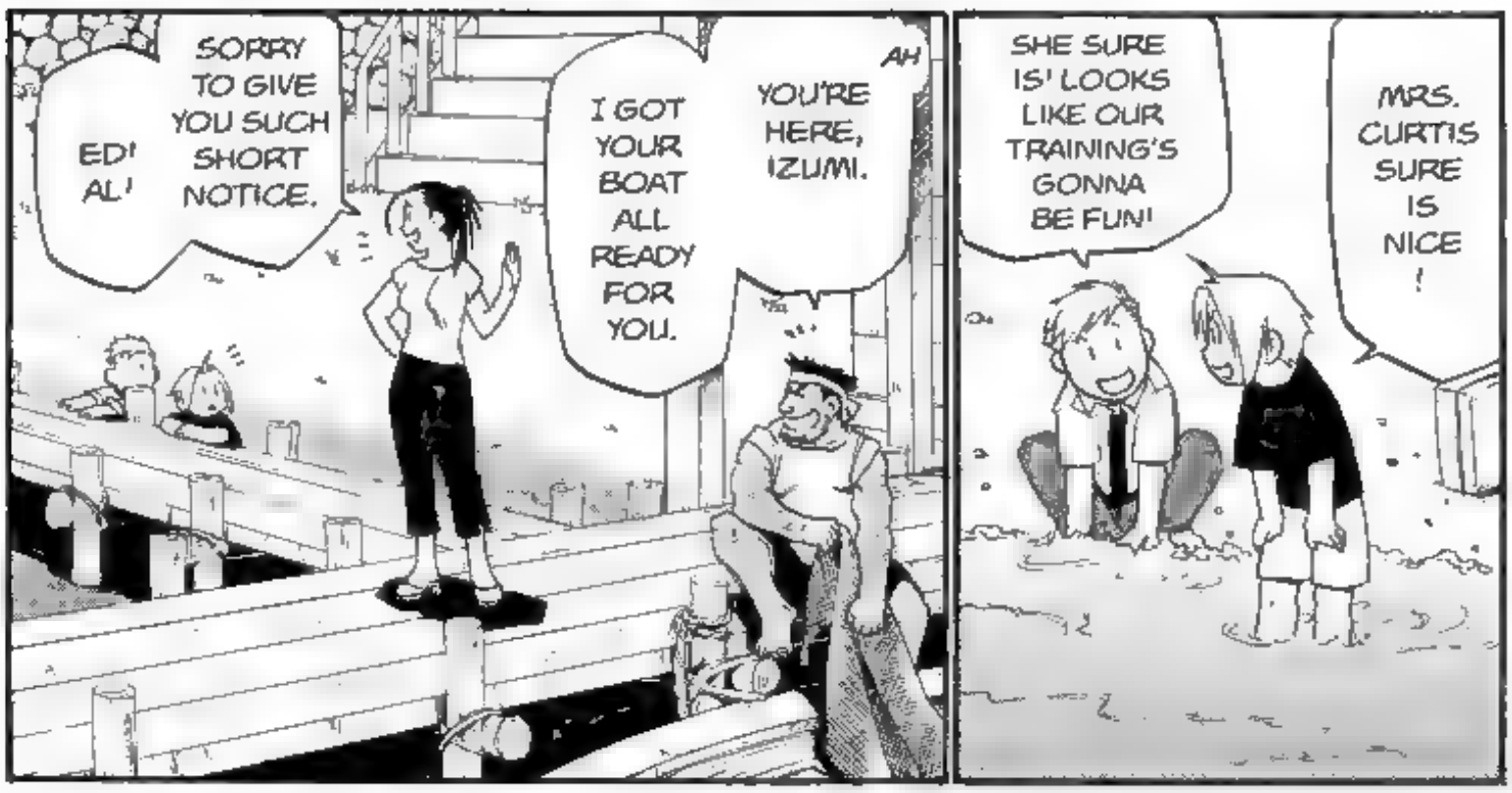
LET'S GO.

SWIMMING? GREAT IDEA.

I WANNA GO SWIM-MING.


HERE WE ARE. DUBLITH'S MAIN TOURIST ATTRAC-TION
KAUROY LAKE !


A LAKE !!
IT'S HUGE !!
A LAKE !!
KAUROY LAKE


SORRY TO GIVE YOU SUCH SHORT NOTICE.
ED! AL!
I GOT YOUR BOAT ALL READY FOR YOU.
AH YOU'RE HERE, IZUMI.
SHE SURE IS! LOOKS LIKE OUR TRAINING'S GONNA BE FUN!
MRS. CURTIS SURE IS NICE !

SPLISH

PUT YOUR LUGGAGE DOWN AND GET IN.

KREEK KREEK

I KNOW

AW.. AND IT'S GONNA BE A FUN BOAT RIDE, TOO...

HUH? ISN'T SIG COMING WITH US?

SEE YOU LATER

HAR HAR HAR !!

GRIN

FUN BOAT RIDE ?

SEE THAT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE ?

UM... WHERE'S THIS BOAT TAKING US?

?

THAT'S *YOCK ISLAND.*

KAW
KAW
IT'S THE WILD KING-DOM...
WHOA...
SPLISH
HERE, TAKE THIS.
AND NO SAVAGE BEASTS, EITHER... I HOPE.
THERE'S NO ELECTRICITY, NO WELLS, NOT EVEN A HOUSE TO SHELTER YOU FROM THE RAIN.
A KNIFE ?
UH HUH...
THIS IS A DESERT-ED ISLAND.
FOR ONE MONTH.
THE TWO OF YOU HAVE TO ***SURVIVE*** ON THIS ISLAND...

WHA..?

AND YOU *ABSOLUTELY CANNOT USE ALCHEMY* DURING THAT TIME.

OH YEAH!

WHAT THE HECK?!

"ONE IS ALL, ALL IS ONE."

WHA... WAIT A MINUTE!!

I'LL COME BACK FOR YOU IN ONE MONTH.

SQUAWK
SQUAWK
SQUAK
KAW
KAW!
GRMMMBBB!
I WANNA SLEEP ON A SOFT BED...
MAN, I'M STARV-ING...
IF YOU CAN'T FIGURE OUT THE MEANING OF THAT RIDDLE IN ONE MONTH'S TIME, I'M SHIPPING YOU BOYS BACK TO RESEMBOOL.
SEE YA!
...
DUH----HHH

GRRR! AND THAT DAMN LADY GAVE US THAT MEANING-LESS RIDDLE, TOO!

FIND THE MEANING IN ONE MONTH'S TIME.

"ONE IS ALL, ALL IS ONE."

BUT IF WE DON'T FIGURE IT OUT IN ONE MONTH, WE WON'T GET OUR REAL TRAINING, RIGHT?

STUPID RIDDLE! I DON'T HAVE A CLUE.

"ONE IS ALL, ALL IS ONE"... I WONDER WHAT THAT MEANS?

GAAAAH!! WHAT KIND OF LAME ALCHEMY TRAINING IS THIS!?

RAGE!!!

THAT LADY TRICKED US !!

HMM MM...

HOOT HOOT

WE CAN WORRY ABOUT FINDING FOOD IN THE MORNING.

OKAY..

...I'M GOING TO SLEEP.

PLOP

GRRMMBB

RUSTLE

RSTL

RSTL

RSTL

SNORE

HE'S RIGHT HERE-

HUH...?

DID YOU GO TO THE BATH-ROOM?

AL?

KA
TUNK

YOU IDIOT!! WAKE UP !!

NNG...WHAT IS IT, BIG BROTHER? CAN'T YOU GO TO THE BATH-ROOM BY YOURSELF...?

WHAT THE-!?

WHA...

WHA..

KA-

WOOSH

WAA AAH !!?

BAM

RIP

KRIK

SNAP

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AND YOU!!

IT WAS A GREASE PEN, REMEMBER
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T COMMEND YOUR ABILITY TO GET THINGS DONE QUICKLY...
LIEU-TENANT HAWK-EYE..
IN THE LAST EPISODE, LIEU-TENANT HAWKEYE DREW CAT WHISKERS ON COLONEL MUS-TANG'S FACE.
I SEE. LEAVE IT TO ME, SIR.
...BUT I NEED TO LOOK MORE DIGNIFIED THINK OF SOME-THING!
I'M SORRY THERE ARE ONLY TWO PAGES OF EXTRAS THIS TIME!!
SPLASH
HE LOOKS WEIRD..
VERY WEIRD..
PSSI PSSI PSSI

COW SHED DIARY

The Fierce Underwear Battle

CAN YOU GUYS THINK OF A DESIGN FOR ED'S UNDER-WEAR?

I'LL LEAVE IT UP TO MY ASSIS-TANTS.

I WONDER WHAT DESIGN I SHOULD PUT ON ED'S UNDER-WEAR?

HMM...

WHILE WORK-ING ON CHAP-TER 17...

EVIL

LEER

"Huh? Those are auto-mail, too!?" undies

BY BABA ATSUSHI

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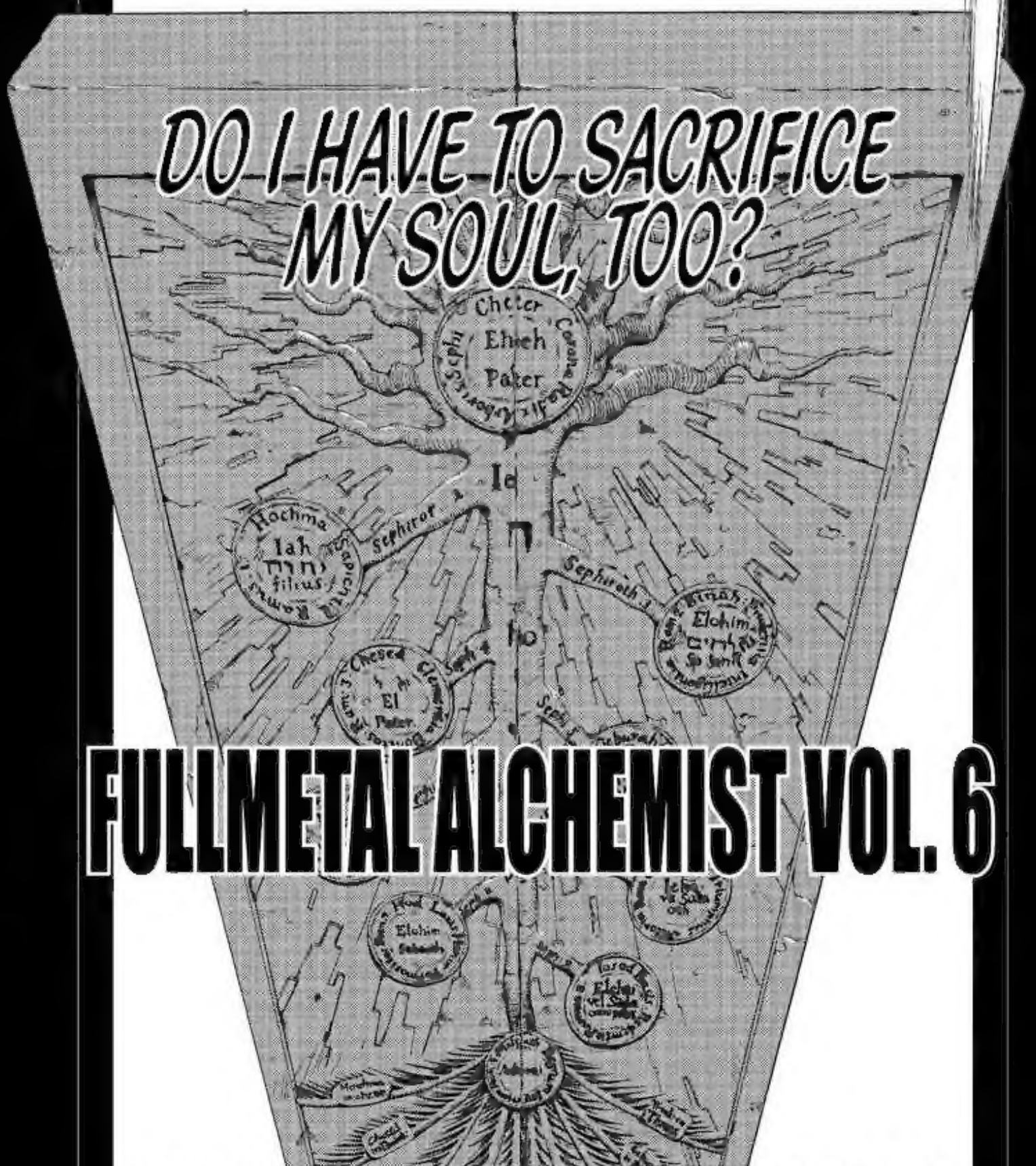

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FLAME ALCHEMIST
Chapter 376,514:
The Strawberry Parfait
of Tears
TACKS IN MY BOOTS ?!
Heh heh heh heh heh...
COLONEL

Thank you for putting up with my boys...
Meow

In Memoriam

MORE
CATS
!!!
meow
meow
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